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Application for Removal or Variation of a Condition following Grant of Planning Permission or Listed Building Consent

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended); Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas Act) 1990 (as amended)

Publication of applications on planning authority websites

Please note that the information provided on this application form and in supporting documents may be published on the Authority's website. If you require any further clarification, please contact the Authority's planning department.

Site Location

Disclaimer: We can only make recommendations based on the answers given in the questions.

If you cannot provide a postcode, the description of site location must be completed. Please provide the most accurate site description you can, to help locate the site - for example "field to the North of the Post Office".

Number

Suffix

Property Name

Museum Of Science And Industry

Address Line 1

Liverpool Road

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Manchester

Town/city

Manchester

Postcode

M3 4JP

Description of site location must be completed if postcode is not known:

Easting (x)

383189

Northing (y)

397863

Description

Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

First name

Jonathan

Surname

Sugden

Company Name

Science Museum Group

Address

Address line 1

Museum Of Science And Industry

Address line 2

Liverpool Road

Address line 3

Town/City

Manchester

County

Country

Postcode

M3 4JP

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

Applicant Contact Details

Primary number

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

Agent Details

Name/Company

Title

First name

Peter

Surname

Levers

Company Name

Buttress Architects

Address

Address line 1

41 Bengal Street

Address line 2

Ancoats

Address line 3

Town/City

Manchester

County

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

M4 6AF

Contact Details

Primary number

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Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

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Description of the Proposal

Please provide a description of the approved development as shown on the decision letter

Listed Building Consent for works associated with refurbishing the existing conference centre.

Reference number

141783/LO/2024

Date of decision (date must be pre-application submission)

13/03/2025

Please state the condition number(s) to which this application relates

Condition number(s)

Condition no. 4.

Has the development already started?

- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

If Yes, please state when the development was started (date must be pre-application submission)

14/07/2025

Has the development been completed?

- [ ] Yes
- [x] No

Condition(s) - Variation/Removal

Please state why you wish the condition(s) to be removed or changed

The approved glazing system design requires amendment following the withdrawal of the originally appointed manufacturer, necessitating the appointment of an alternative supplier.

As part of their design development, the new manufacturer has proposed the introduction of vertical mullions to provide increased structural stiffness and to deliver a more robust system better suited to the existing floor structure.

The inclusion of vertical mullions represents a deviation from the approved design and therefore requires a variation to the condition. The principle of this change has been discussed with Manchester City Council officers on site, with no concerns raised.

If you wish the existing condition to be changed, please state how you wish the condition to be varied

It is proposed that the condition be varied to allow for an updated glazing system design incorporating slim vertical mullions within the glazing screen.

The mullions will be finished in RAL 7012 (Basalt Grey) to match the existing frame colour and maintain visual consistency with surrounding elements, including an existing glazed screen with vertical mullions located on the floor below.

All other aspects of the glazing system, including the fixing principles, remain as previously approved.

Site Visit

Can the site be seen from a public road, public footpath, bridleway or other public land?

- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

If the planning authority needs to make an appointment to carry out a site visit, whom should they contact?

- [x] The agent
- [ ] The applicant
- [ ] Other person

Pre-application Advice

Has assistance or prior advice been sought from the local authority about this application?

- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

If Yes, please complete the following information about the advice you were given (this will help the authority to deal with this application more efficiently):

Officer name:

Title

First Name

***** REDACTED ******

Surname

***** REDACTED ******

Reference

Date (must be pre-application submission)

11/11/2025

Details of the pre-application advice received

Advice regarding the proposed amendment to the glazing system was sought during a scheduled site meeting with Manchester City Council Planning Officers as part of the ongoing monthly coordination meetings for works across the museum.

During the meeting, the design team presented the updated proposal, which introduces slim vertical mullions to provide additional structural stiffness. These mullions will be finished in RAL 7012 (Basalt Grey) to match the proposed frame colour, as agreed during a previous site visit.

The attending Planning Officers confirmed that the fixing details remain consistent with the previously accepted scheme, but noted that the inclusion of vertical mullions constitutes a design variation requiring a formal variation application.

The Officers also advised that the submission to discharge all outstanding conditions associated with the Listed Building Consent should be made concurrently with the variation application to streamline the approval process. No concerns were raised regarding the amended design, and the Officers were satisfied to provide informal sign-off to allow the fabrication and installation of the glazed screens ahead of the formal submission of documentation.

Ownership Certificates and Agricultural Land Declaration

Certificates under Article 14 - Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended)

Please answer the following questions to determine which Certificate of Ownership you need to complete: A, B, C or D.

Is the applicant the sole owner of all the land to which this application relates; and has the applicant been the sole owner for more than 21 days?

- ☑ Yes
- ○ No

Is any of the land to which the application relates part of an Agricultural Holding?

- ○ Yes
- ☑ No

Certificate Of Ownership - Certificate A

I certify/The applicant certifies that on the day 21 days before the date of this application nobody except myself/ the applicant was the owner* of any part of the land or building to which the application relates, and that none of the land to which the application relates is, or is part of, an agricultural holding**

*** "owner" is a person with a freehold interest or leasehold interest with at least 7 years left to run.**

**** "agricultural holding" has the meaning given by reference to the definition of "agricultural tenant" in section 65(8) of the Act.**

NOTE: You should sign Certificate B, C or D, as appropriate, if you are the sole owner of the land or building to which the application relates but the land is, or is part of, an agricultural holding.

Person Role

- ○ The Applicant
- ☑ The Agent

Title

First Name

Peter

Surname

Levers

Declaration Date

19/03/2026

☑ Declaration made

Declaration

I/We hereby apply for Removal/Variation of a condition as described in the questions answered, details provided, and the accompanying plans/drawings and additional information.
I/We confirm that, to the best of my/our knowledge, any facts stated are true and accurate and any opinions given are the genuine opinions of the person(s) giving them.
I/We also accept that, in accordance with the Planning Portal's terms and conditions:
- Once submitted, this information will be made available to the Local Planning Authority and, once validated by them, be published as part of a public register and on the authority's website;
- Our system will automatically generate and send you emails in regard to the submission of this application.

☑ I / We agree to the outlined declaration

Signed

Peter Levers

Date

19/03/2026