



Application for Planning Permission

Town and Country Planning 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

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Town/city

Postcode

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

Easting (x)

Northing (y)

Description

The site comprises Old School House including access from Thirsk Street.

Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

Mr

First name

Alec

Surname

Dean

Company Name

The Green Independent School Ltd

Address

Address line 1

The Old School House

Address line 2

Thirsk Street

Address line 3

Town/City

Manchester

County

Greater Manchester

Country

Postcode

M12 6PN

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Applicant Contact Details

Primary number

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

***** REDACTED *****

Agent Details

Name/Company

Title

Ms

First name

Tillie

Surname

Baker

Company Name

Iceni Projects

Address

Address line 1

WeWork

Address line 2

Dalton Place

Address line 3

29 John Dalton Street

Town/City

Manchester

County

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

M2 6FW

Contact Details

Primary number

***** REDACTED *****

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

***** REDACTED *****

Site Area

What is the measurement of the site area? (numeric characters only).

1080.00

Unit

Sq. metres

Description of the Proposal

Please note in regard to:

- **Fire Statements** - From 1 August 2021, planning applications for buildings of over 18 metres (or 7 stories) tall containing more than one dwelling will require a 'Fire Statement' for the application to be considered valid. There are some exemptions. [View government planning guidance on fire statements](#) or [access the fire statement template and guidance](#).
- **Permission In Principle** - If you are applying for Technical Details Consent on a site that has been granted Permission In Principle, please include the relevant details in the description below.
- **Public Service Infrastructure** - From 1 August 2021, applications for certain public service infrastructure developments will be eligible for faster determination timeframes. See help for further details or [view government planning guidance on determination periods](#).

Description

Please describe details of the proposed development or works including any change of use

Change of use from former photographic studio (Use Class E) to independent Special Educational Needs (SEN) school (Use Class F1) and associated works (part retrospective).

Has the work or change of use already started?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please state the date when the work or change of use started (date must be pre-application submission)

01/12/2025

Has the work or change of use been completed?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Existing Use

Please describe the current use of the site

The site comprises an existing building (formerly in use as a photographic studio). The Applicant has started undertaking preliminary, minor internal alterations in anticipation of change of use to a SEN school, per the submitted plans. The new school is proposed to open in September 2026.

Is the site currently vacant?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If Yes, please describe the last use of the site

The site was previously in use as a photographic studio. The property is understood to have been vacant for 12+ months, potentially in excess of two years. The Applicant has not been able to ascertain the precise period of vacancy, and the exact date the former use ended is unknown.

When did this use end (if known)?

dd/mm/yyyy

Does the proposal involve any of the following? If Yes, you will need to submit an appropriate contamination assessment with your application.

Land which is known to be contaminated

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Land where contamination is suspected for all or part of the site

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

A proposed use that would be particularly vulnerable to the presence of contamination

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

Materials

Does the proposed development require any materials to be used externally?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

Please provide a description of existing and proposed materials and finishes to be used externally (including type, colour and name for each material)

Type:

Other

Other (please specify):

Bin store

Existing materials and finishes:

N/A - new structure to be erected in the site courtyard

Proposed materials and finishes:

Polycarbonate roof and sides over galvanised steel box section frame. Galvanised metal gates with open mesh.

Are you supplying additional information on submitted plans, drawings or a design and access statement?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If Yes, please state references for the plans, drawings and/or design and access statement

Please refer to Bin Enclosure Plan, Ref. P2522 D12 Rev A

Pedestrian and Vehicle Access, Roads and Rights of Way

Is a new or altered vehicular access proposed to or from the public highway?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Is a new or altered pedestrian access proposed to or from the public highway?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Are there any new public roads to be provided within the site?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Are there any new public rights of way to be provided within or adjacent to the site?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Do the proposals require any diversions/extinguishments and/or creation of rights of way?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If you answered Yes to any of the above questions, please show details on your plans/drawings and state their reference numbers

Please refer to Drawing No. SK225103-003 prepared by SK Transport (appended to Appendix C of the enclosed Transport Statement ref: 260320/SK225103/TS01(-03)).

Vehicle Parking

Does the site have any existing vehicle/cycle parking spaces or will the proposed development add/remove any parking spaces?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Please provide information on the existing and proposed number of on-site parking spaces

Vehicle Type:

Cars

Existing number of spaces:

9

Total proposed (including spaces retained):

0

Difference in spaces:

-9

Vehicle Type:

Cycle spaces

Existing number of spaces:

0

Total proposed (including spaces retained):

9

Difference in spaces:

9

Trees and Hedges

Are there trees or hedges on the proposed development site?

☐ Yes

☒ No

And/or: Are there trees or hedges on land adjacent to the proposed development site that could influence the development or might be important as part of the local landscape character?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Assessment of Flood Risk

Is the site within an area at risk of flooding? (Check the location on the Government's [Flood map for planning](#). You should also refer to national [standing advice](#) and your local planning authority requirements for information as necessary.)

☐ Yes

☒ No

Is your proposal within 20 metres of a watercourse (e.g. river, stream or beck)?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Will the proposal increase the flood risk elsewhere?

☐ Yes

☒ No

How will surface water be disposed of?

- ☐ Sustainable drainage system
- ☐ Existing water course
- ☐ Soakaway
- ☒ Main sewer
- ☐ Pond/lake

Biodiversity and Geological Conservation

Is there a reasonable likelihood of the following being affected adversely or conserved and enhanced within the application site, or on land adjacent to or near the application site?

To assist in answering this question correctly, please refer to the help text which provides guidance on determining if any important biodiversity or geological conservation features may be present or nearby; and whether they are likely to be affected by the proposals.

a) Protected and priority species

- ☐ Yes, on the development site
- ☐ Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development
- ☒ No

b) Designated sites, important habitats or other biodiversity features

- ☐ Yes, on the development site
- ☐ Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development
- ☒ No

c) Features of geological conservation importance

- ☐ Yes, on the development site
- ☐ Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development
- ☒ No

Supporting information requirements

Where a development proposal is likely to affect features of biodiversity or geological conservation interest, you will need to submit, with the application, sufficient information and assessments to allow the local planning authority to determine the proposal.

Failure to submit all information required will result in your application being deemed invalid. It will not be considered valid until all information required by the local planning authority has been submitted.

Your local planning authority will be able to advise on the content of any assessments that may be required.

Biodiversity net gain

Biodiversity net gain is a legal requirement for planning permission introduced on 12 February 2024. All applications are required to either provide detailed information proving there will be a biodiversity increase; or explain why the requirement does not apply to the development.

Do you believe that, if the development is granted permission, the general Biodiversity Gain Condition (as set out in [Paragraph 13 of Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 \(as amended\)](#)) would apply?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Biodiversity net gain has been introduced as a general condition for planning permission. As set out in [The Environment Act 2021](#): "grants of planning permission in England [are] to be subject to a condition to secure that the biodiversity gain objective is met". Therefore, in England, all planning permissions are generally subject to biodiversity gain rules, unless they are specifically exempt or out of scope.

If you have stated that the biodiversity net gain requirement does not apply to your application you must provide the reason(s) why, and may also need to supply evidence (especially where you believe the application is eligible for the 'de minimis' exemption).

Please add all the reasons why biodiversity net gain does not apply and enter a justification for each one

Reason biodiversity net gain does not apply:

Development subject to the de minimis exemption (development below the threshold)

What best describes the size of your site?:

Over 25 square metres

Please justify the reason why biodiversity net gain does not apply:

The site is entirely hardstanding. The proposal is for change of use of an existing building, which does not contain any areas of onsite habitat or gardens. Therefore, the proposal falls below national biodiversity net gain threshold (impacting less than 25 square metres of priority habitat) and BNG is not relevant to this application.

Note: Please read the help text for further information why developments may be exempt or not in scope.

Foul Sewage

Please state how foul sewage is to be disposed of:

- ☒ Mains sewer
☐ Septic tank
☐ Package treatment plant
☐ Cess pit
☐ Other
☐ Unknown

Are you proposing to connect to the existing drainage system?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No
☐ Unknown

If Yes, please include the details of the existing system on the application drawings and state the plan(s)/drawing(s) references

The proposed school use will retain the existing drainage connections to the main sewer. There is no change to the existing drainage arrangement proposed through this application.

Waste Storage and Collection

Do the plans incorporate areas to store and aid the collection of waste?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If Yes, please provide details:

Yes, the proposal incorporates areas to store and aid the collection of waste. An external bin store will be provided in the courtyard and a contract is in place with Direct 365. Please refer to the enclosed Service & Waste Management Plan (paragraphs 3.24 to 3.29 of the enclosed Transport Statement prepared by SK Transport, Document Ref. 260320/SK225103/TS01(-03)), Bin Enclosure Plan (Ref. P2522 D12 Rev A) and Waste Proforma.

Have arrangements been made for the separate storage and collection of recyclable waste?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If Yes, please provide details:

Yes, arrangements have been made for the separate storage and collection of recyclable waste. Please refer to the enclosed Service & Waste Management Plan (paragraphs 3.24 to 3.29 of the enclosed Transport Statement prepared by SK Transport, Document Ref. 260320/SK225103/TS01(-03)), Bin Enclosure Plan (Ref. P2522 D12 Rev A) and Waste Proforma.

Trade Effluent

Does the proposal involve the need to dispose of trade effluents or trade waste?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Residential/Dwelling Units

Does your proposal include the gain, loss or change of use of residential units?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

All Types of Development: Non-Residential Floorspace

Does your proposal involve the loss, gain or change of use of non-residential floorspace?

Note that 'non-residential' in this context covers all uses except Use Class C3 Dwellinghouses.

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

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Totals	Existing gross internal floorspace (square metres) (a)	Gross internal floorspace to be lost by change of use or demolition (square metres) (b)	Total gross new internal floorspace proposed (including changes of use) (square metres) (c)	Net additional gross internal floorspace following development (square metres) (d = c - a)
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☐ No

0

0

Proposed Employees

If known, please complete the following information regarding proposed employees:

Full-time

Part-time

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Total full-time equivalent

15.00

Hours of Opening

Are Hours of Opening relevant to this proposal?

☒ Yes☐ No

Please add details of the of the Use Classes and hours of opening for each non-residential use proposed.

If you do not know the hours of opening, select the Use Class and tick 'Unknown'

<p>Use Class: F1 - Learning and non-residential institutions</p> <p>Unknown: No</p> <p>Monday to Friday:</p> <p>Start Time: 08:00</p> <p>End Time: 16:00</p> <p>Saturday:</p> <p>Start Time:</p> <p>End Time:</p> <p>Sunday / Bank Holiday:</p> <p>Start Time:</p> <p>End Time:</p>
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Industrial or Commercial Processes and Machinery

Does this proposal involve the carrying out of industrial or commercial activities and processes?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Is the proposal for a waste management development?

☐ Yes☒ No

Hazardous Substances

Does the proposal involve the use or storage of Hazardous Substances?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Site Visit

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

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

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

- ☒ The agent
- ☐ The applicant
- ☐ Other person

Pre-application Advice

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

- ☒ 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

None given

Date (must be pre-application submission)

14/10/2025

Details of the pre-application advice received

A pre-application advice requested was submitted on 8 October 2025, with a response received on 14 October. The advice stated that the proposed educational use and external changes (removal of window shutters) were considered acceptable in principle. It was confirmed that planning permission is required as the proposed occupier is not considered to benefit from permitted development rights available under Schedule 2, Part 3 Class T of the General Permitted Development Order. The proposed scope of a planning application set out by the planning agent was agreed, and amended through an exchange of emails in March 2026 to exclude the need for elevation drawings.

The pre-app advice highlighted concerns regarding the potential increase in traffic and parking demand owing to the congested nature of the area. Concerns were also raised regarding off-site parking for staff if it is located on land outside the applicant's control. The advice stated that "any future application would need to robustly demonstrate that the impact on the highway network could be managed and sustained in this location in order to be supported".

Following the receipt of the pre-app advice, SK Transport engaged in detailed discussions with Laura Wareing in Manchester City Council's Highways team, including submission of a draft Transport Statement to inform the level of impacts expected and associated mitigations. Through an exchange of correspondence between December 2025 and March 2026, various measures were agreed in principle, including new parking restrictions and improvements to local footpaths. Full details can be found in the accompanying Planning Statement and Transport Statement.

Authority Employee/Member

With respect to the Authority, is the applicant and/or agent one of the following:

- (a) a member of staff
- (b) an elected member
- (c) related to a member of staff
- (d) related to an elected member

It is an important principle of decision-making that the process is open and transparent.

For the purposes of this question, "related to" means related, by birth or otherwise, closely enough that a fair-minded and informed observer, having considered the facts, would conclude that there was bias on the part of the decision-maker in the Local Planning Authority.

Do any of the above statements apply?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

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

Can you give appropriate notice to all the other owners/agricultural tenants? (Select 'Yes' if there are no other owners/agricultural tenants)

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Certificate Of Ownership - Certificate B

I certify/ The applicant certifies that:

- ☒ I have/The applicant has given the requisite notice to everyone else (as listed below) who, on the day 21 days before the date of this application, was the owner* and/or agricultural tenant** of any part of the land or building to which this application relates; or
- ☐ The applicant is the sole owner of all the land or buildings to which this application relates and there are no other owners* and/or agricultural tenants**.

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

** "agricultural tenant" has the meaning given in section 65(8) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Name of Owner/Agricultural Tenant:

***** REDACTED *****

House name:**Number:****Suffix:****Address line 1:**

Highways Service, Growth and Neighbourhoods Directorate, Manchester City Council

Address Line 2:

PO Box 532 Town Hall

Town/City:

Manchester

Postcode:

M60 2LA

Date notice served (DD/MM/YYYY):

27/03/2026

Person Family Name:**Name of Owner/Agricultural Tenant:**

***** REDACTED *****

House name:

c/o Northern Group, Jactin House

Number:

24

Suffix:**Address line 1:**

Hood Street

Address Line 2:**Town/City:**

Manchester

Postcode:

M4 6WX

Date notice served (DD/MM/YYYY):

27/03/2026

Person Family Name:**Name of Owner/Agricultural Tenant:**

***** REDACTED *****

House name:

Byrom Mill

Number:**Suffix:****Address line 1:**

Knowl Street

Address Line 2:**Town/City:**

Stalybridge

Postcode:

SK15 3AW

Date notice served (DD/MM/YYYY):

27/03/2026

Person Family Name:

Person Role

- ☐ The Applicant
☒ The Agent

Title

Ms

First Name

Tillie

Surname

Baker

Declaration Date

27/03/2026

☒ Declaration made

Declaration

I/We hereby apply for Full planning permission 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

Tillie Baker

Date

30/03/2026