MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

## Important – Planning permission & notices of consent

## Compliance with conditions

- Your planning approval or consent is attached. It will contain conditions that you must comply with.
- Please read the conditions and understand their requirements and restrictions, for example submission and approval of details or measures to protect trees.
- Some conditions will require action before you start development, and it is imperative that you seek to have these discharged before any work commences.
- Whilst every effort has been made to group conditions logically, it is your responsibility to ensure that you are aware of the requirements and/or restrictions of all conditions.
- If you fail to comply with the conditions this may result in a breach of planning control and this may lead to enforcement action.
- Failure to comply with conditions may also result in the development not being lawful.
- It is in your interests to demonstrate that conditions have been complied with. Failure to do so may cause difficulties if the property is sold or transferred.
- A fee is payable for each request to discharge conditions.
- For advice on any of these matters, please contact Planning, Manchester City Council, PO Box 532, Town Hall, Manchester M60 2LA or email planning@manchester.gov.uk

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# Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

# Planning Permission

## Part 1 – Particulars of the application/development

**Proposal:**

Change of use from Class E(g)(i) (office) to Class F1(a) (education) at first-floor.

**Location:**

First Floor Virginia House, 7 Great Ancoats Street, Manchester, M4 5AE

**Application reference:**

PLA-2026-000087

**Applicant:**

Saliha Lefevre Alliance Francaise de Manchester

**Date of application:**

27 April 2026

## Part 2 – Particulars of decision

Manchester City Council gives notice that the development referred to in Part 1 has been **approved** in accordance with the application and plans submitted subject to the condition(s) listed below (if any).

## Article 35 Declaration

Officers have acted positively in determining this application by assessing the proposal against relevant planning policies and all material considerations. The nature of the scheme has not necessitated further discussions with the applicant. On this basis it is decided to grant planning permission in accordance with the presumption in favour of sustainable development.

## Condition(s) attached to this decision

1) The development must be begun not later than the expiration of three years beginning with the date of this permission.

   Reason - Required to be imposed pursuant to Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

2) The development hereby approved shall be carried out in accordance with the following drawings and documents:

   - Location Plan (Planning Portal Reference PP-14874982v1)
   - First Floor Plan
   - Supporting Statement (Prepared by Alliance Française Manchester)
   - Waste Management Strategy Proforma

   Marked as received by the City Council as Local Planning Authority on 27/04/2026.

Reason - To ensure that the development is carried out in accordance with the approved plans, pursuant to policies SP1 and DM1 of the Core Strategy.

3) The application site shall be used for education use (Class F1(a)), and for no other purpose (including any other purpose within Class F1 of the Schedule to the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2020 (SI 2020 No.757) or in any provision equivalent to that Class in any statutory instrument revoking and re-enacting that Order with or without modification).

Reason - The use of the premises other than in accordance with the approved use would require further consideration by the Local Planning Authority and may not be appropriate in this locality in accordance with Core Strategy Policies SP1, EC2 and DM1, and the National Planning Policy Framework.

4) The development hereby approved, shall store and present its waste and recycling for collection in accordance with the submitted Waste Management Strategy Proforma (Received 27/04/2026) for its lifetime.

Reason - To ensure proper waste storage on site in accordance with Core Strategy Policy EN19 and DM1.

## Informatives

**Building Regulations 2010**

This permission does not grant approval under Building Regulations.

**Street Naming & Numbering Requirements**

Manchester City Council is responsible for allocating street naming and numbering within Manchester for new developments or property conversions. Individuals or businesses are not permitted to allocate their own property numbers, building or street names.

If your development includes the creation of new dwellings (either new build or conversion of existing buildings), creation of new commercial properties or the subdivision of existing properties you must ensure that you request new or changes to addresses through us so they can be officially allocated and registered in accordance with the Public Health Act 1925 Sections 17-19 & Greater Manchester Act 1981 Section 22.

Failure to do this may result in difficulties for the developer/occupier when requiring services such as connections to utilities, phone lines and postal services and may delay your development.

You can apply online at the following address: www.manchester.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/street-naming-and-numbering

**Flood Resilience Measures**

The applicant is advised to incorporate Property Flood Resilience (PFR) measures to a minimum of 1
above the surface water flood level or a minimum of 600mm above the fluvial flood level.

**Culvert**

Manchester City Council (MCC) records highlight that the underground River Tib is located within clos
proximity to the site (approximately 90 m to the northeast of the site), while our records are frequently
to ensure the highest level of accuracy, the records cannot guarantee 100% accuracy for all culverted
Therefore, we would request that the applicant informs the onsite contractor to remain observant and
the appropriate safety precautions during excavation works. If any major unknown drainage assets ar
beneath the site, then further investigation works should take place to identify the asset and MCC Lea
Flood Authority (LLFA) should be contacted immediately. Any alterations to an ordinary watercourse w
require consent from MCC LLFA under Land Drainage Act 1991. The developer can apply for land dra
consent (if required) via the following
link: https://manchester.portal.uk.empro.verintcloudservices.com/site/myaccount/request/pr_watercou

**Mining**
Please see information relating to mining in Appendix A.

Date: 18 June 2026

Signed: 

Julie Roscoe
Director of Planning, Building Control & Licensing

Manchester City Council, P O Box 532, Town Hall, Manchester M60 2LA

## Notes

1. This permission refers only to that required under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 does not include any consent or approval under any other enactment, byelaw, order or regulation.

2. If the applicant is aggrieved by the decision of the local planning authority to refuse permission or approval for the proposed development, or to grant permission or approval subject to conditions, they may appeal to the Secretary of State in accordance with Section 78(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 within six months of the date of the notice of the decision.

   The Planning Inspectorate have introduced an online appeals service that can be used to make appeals online. This service is available through the gov.uk website – www.gov.uk/appeal-planning-decision The Inspectorate will publish details of your appeal on the internet. Alternatively If you are unable to access the online appeal form, please contact the Planning Inspectorate to obtain a paper copy of the appeal form on tel: 0303 444 5000.

   The Secretary of State has power to allow a longer period for the giving of a notice of appeal but they will not normally be prepared to exercise this power unless there are special circumstances that excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.

   If you intend to submit an appeal that you would like examined by inquiry then you must notify the City Council (planning@manchester.gov.uk) and the Planning Inspectorate (inquiryappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) at least 10 days before submitting the appeal. Further details are on GOV.UK.

3. The statutory requirements are those set out in Section 79(6) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, namely Sections 70(1) and 72(1) of the Act.

4. If either the local planning authority of the Secretary of State refuses permission to develop land or grants it subject to conditions, the owner may claim that they can neither put the land to a reasonably beneficial use in its existing state nor render the land capable of a reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted.

   In these circumstances, the owner may serve a purchase notice on the Council in whose area the land is situated. This notice will require the Council to purchase his interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

5. In certain circumstances, a claim may be made against the local planning authority for compensation, where permission is refused or granted subject to conditions by the Secretary of State on appeal or on a reference of the application to them. The circumstances in which such compensation is payable are set out in Section 114 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

## Right of challenge on planning application decision

A third party does not have a right of appeal against a decision on a planning application. Instead, there is a right of challenge (a Judicial Review) which is limited to lawfulness of the procedure that we have taken in coming to that decision.

Any challenge must be based on the following and not the merit of the decision:

- Procedural irregularity
- Irrationality
- Illegality

Any application for permission to bring such a challenge (which is through the High Court) must be made within 6 weeks of the date of the decision being issued.

## Appendix A - Mining Information

Mining Remediation Authority

**STANDING ADVICE - DEVELOPMENT LOW RISK AREA**

The proposed development lies within a coal mining area which may contain unrecorded coal mining related hazards. If any coal mining feature is encountered during development, this should be reported immediately to the Mining Remediation Authority on 0345 762 6846 or if a hazard is encountered on site call the emergency line 0800 288 4242.

Further information is also available on the Mining Remediation Authority website at: Mining Remediation Authority - GOV.UK

*Standing Advice valid from 1st January 2025 until 31st December 2026*