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Dear Jen,

Grove House, 316 Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9WJ: Application for Listed Building Consent

Introduction

On behalf of our client the University of Manchester (Estates Design Services Group), please find enclosed an application for listed building consent for the '*Installation of Wi-fi to Grove House as part of the University of Manchester Network Transformation Project'.*

The University of Manchester Network Transformation Project' is an initiative which seeks to install a contemporary wireless local area network (WLAN) across the entire University of Manchester estate including all buildings and rooms thereby ensuring complete wireless connectivity for staff, students, visitors and technical plant. At Grove House the installations will upgrade existing provision whilst also filling gaps in the existing coverage.

The proposed installation will comprise the installation of a series of access points (APs) which combine to provide a comprehensive WLAN for the building. The proposed APs are a small wall/ceiling mounted device that creates a WLAN once connected via an ethernet cable to a wired switch or communications hub. Each AP will project a Wi-Fi signal to a given area with each AP location being carefully selected by the technical network designer to provide a seamless WLAN throughout the application building.

The proposals will allow staff, students and visitors full internet access thereby ensuring the accommodation continues to meet with user expectations and thereby helps secure the useability and long-term future of the listed building.

The submission consists of this letter and the supporting plans and documents which are listed below.

Submitted Plans and Reports

Information submitted as part of this application includes:

Cover letter 25.2228/ldt001ja.

Completed Listed Building Application Form.

Site Location Plan prepared by Paul Butler Associates.

UoM Whitworth Park Wifi Transformation Report: Grove House, Wifi Access Point Details BSL31956, Tetra Tech, 24.06.2026.

Plan BSL31956-RPS-GR-BS-DR-E-6120 C02, Grove House Basement Proposed Wifi Points, Tetra Tech.

Plan BSL31956-RPS-GR-00-DR-E-6121 C02, Grove House Ground Floor Proposed Wifi Points, Tetra Tech.

Plan BSL31956-RPS-GR-01-DR-E-6122 C02, Grove House First Floor Proposed Wifi Points, Tetra Tech.

Plan BSL31956-RPS-GR-02-DR-E-6123 C02, Grove House Second Floor Proposed Wifi Points, Tetra Tech.

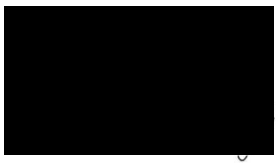
Heritage, Design and Access Statement prepared by Paul Butler Associates dated July 2026.

Policy Compliance

An assessment of the physical impact of the proposals has been undertaken in the context of adopted heritage and local planning policy. Please refer to the Heritage, Design and Access Statement submitted in support of this application.

The scheme has been developed by a Team with substantial knowledge and experience of Wi-fi installation and is led by led RECOM on behalf of the applicant. Other team members include, Tetra Tec and Paul Butler Associates Planning and Heritage Consultants. The Team looks forward to continuing working closely with the Council's officers in progressing this application through to submission and determination.

Yours faithfully



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