MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

Town & Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (England) Regulations 2007 (as amended)

Refusal of Advertisement Consent

Part 1 – Particulars of the application

Proposal:

Erection of double-sided internally illuminated freestanding digital advertisement totem.

Location:

Site 3 - adjacent to No. 2 Circle Square along Symphony Park Circle Square Oxford Road Manchester M1 7ED

Application reference:

PLA-2026-001009

Applicant:

Ocean Outdoor UK Ltd

Date of application:

13 July 2026

Part 2 – Particulars of decision

Manchester City Council gives notice that the advertisement(s) referred to in Part 1 are **refused** in accordance with the application and plans submitted for the reasons listed below.

Reason(s) for decision

1) The proposal would result in an unduly harmful impact on visual amenity within Circle Square due to its siting, design, appearance and means of illumination and would form an obtrusive and dominant feature within street scene. It would create visual clutter which would be detrimental to the quality of the character of the immediate area, visual amenity of the local context and pedestrian experience. The proposal therefore is contrary to the provisions of Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisement) (England) Regulations 2007, Policies JP-P1, of the Places for Everyone Plan, Policies SP1 and DM1 of the Manchester Core Strategy (2012), saved Policies DC15.1, DC15.2 of the Unitary Development Plan for the City of Manchester (1995) and Policy DP3 and S3 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

Date: 02 September 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 decision refers only to that required under the Town and Country (Control of Advertisements) (England) Regulations 2007 (as amended) does not include any consent or approval under any other enactment, byelaw, order or regulation.

1. If the applicant is aggrieved by the decision of the local planning authority to refuse consent, or to grant consent subject to conditions, they may appeal to the Secretary of State in accordance with section 78 and 79 of the Act as amended by the Regulations within eight weeks 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-decision-consent-display-advertisement. 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.