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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: 84

Suffix:

Property Name:

Address Line 1: Plymouth Grove

Address Line 2:

Address Line 3: Manchester

Town/city: Manchester

Postcode: M13 9LW

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

Easting (x): 385411

Northing (y): 396332

Description:

Manchester Historic Buildings Trust, trading as Elizabeth Gaskell's House

Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

Mrs

First name

Sally

Surname

Jastrzebski-Lloyd

Company Name

Manchester Historic Buildings Trust, trading as Elizabeth Gaskell's House

Address

Address line 1

84 Plymouth Grove

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/City

Manchester

County

Manchester

Country

Postcode

M13 9LW

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

◯ Yes
⊘ No

Applicant 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).

1627.18

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

Installation of free-standing wooden structure to form little library/book exchange facility on the fenced boundary of the property.

Has the work or change of use already started?

◯ Yes
⊘ No

Existing Use

Please describe the current use of the site

Elizabeth Gaskell's House, serves as a museum and a historic site that celebrates the life and literature of the Victorian novelist. It offers a hands-on experience for visitors to explore the world of Elizabeth Gaskell and her family through historic period rooms, a Victorian style garden, and expert guides.

The house is open to the public on specific days, with timed entry and booking preferred. It also provides a changing exhibition space, a tea room, and a shop for visitors to enjoy. The house is run by the Manchester Historic Buildings Trust and is open to visitors every Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday. Private tours and schools are welcome on other days if pre-booked. The house also hosts a second-hand book sale every second Sunday of the month and has an extensive online talks program throughout the year.

Is the site currently vacant?

◯ Yes
⊘ No

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):
Little Library

Existing materials and finishes:
n/a - creating a new structure

Proposed materials and finishes:
Wood from reclaimed and sustainable sources - The 6 sides and shelves of the bookshelf would be made from exterior grade plywood 20 mm thick. The Little Library will be designed as a small-scale interpretation of Elizabeth Gaskell's House, reflecting its distinctive appearance through its form, detailing and paint colour. For the installation with posts 4x4 concreted in the ground will use materials such as concrete and posts and metal brackets.

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

Plans and Drawings for the Little Library at Elizabeth Gaskell's House

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

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:
Disability spaces

Existing number of spaces:
2

Total proposed (including spaces retained):
2

Difference in spaces:
0

Vehicle Type:
Cars

Existing number of spaces:
6

Total proposed (including spaces retained):
6

Difference in spaces:
0

Trees and Hedges

Are there trees or hedges on the proposed development site?

- [x] 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
- [x] No

You may need to provide a full tree survey, at the discretion of the local planning authority. If a tree survey is required, this and the accompanying plan should be submitted alongside the application.

The local planning authority should make clear on its website what the survey should contain, in accordance with the current 'BS5837: Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - Recommendations'.

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
- [x] No

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

- [ ] Yes
- [x] No

Will the proposal increase the flood risk elsewhere?

- [ ] Yes
- [x] No

How will surface water be disposed of?

- [ ] Sustainable drainage system
- [ ] Existing water course
- [ ] Soakaway
- [x] 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
- [x] 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 site area of 0.2 hectares or below

Are there any priority habitats on or within 500m of your site?:
Yes

Can you provide evidence that no priority habitats will be impacted by the development?:
Yes

Please justify the reason why biodiversity net gain does not apply:
Elizabeth Gaskell's House has a total site area of approximately 1,627.18 m² (0.1627 hectares), which is below the 0.2-hectare threshold for the small-scale development exemption from mandatory Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG). On this basis, the proposed development falls within the relevant size threshold and mandatory BNG requirements do not apply. Desk-based ecological research undertaken by Joe Blooms has identified a Priority Habitat within 500 metres of the development site. However, the presence of a Priority Habitat within this distance does not, in itself, indicate that the proposed development will have an impact on that habitat. The proposed works are small in scale and comprise a self-contained, sustainable structure within the existing Elizabeth Gaskell's House site. The development will be contained entirely within the existing site boundary and will not extend into, remove, fragment or otherwise alter any identified Priority Habitat. There will be no direct land take from the Priority Habitat, and the nature and scale of the proposed works mean that there is not expected to be any indirect ecological impact, such as disturbance, habitat fragmentation, changes to drainage, or effects on ecological connectivity. The development is therefore considered to be sufficiently small-scale and self-contained that it will not adversely affect the identified Priority Habitat or the wider ecological value of the surrounding area. On this basis, evidence can be provided to demonstrate that the Priority Habitat identified within 500 metres of the site will not be impacted by the proposed development.

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:

- [x] Mains sewer
- [ ] Septic tank
- [ ] Package treatment plant
- [ ] Cess pit
- [ ] Other
- [ ] Unknown

Are you proposing to connect to the existing drainage system?

- ○ Yes
- ⊘ No
- ○ Unknown

Waste Storage and Collection

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

- ○ Yes
- ⊘ No

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

- ○ Yes
- ⊘ No

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

Community Infrastructure Levy

Your development may be liable for a charge under the Community Infrastructure Levy if it involves new or additional gross internal area for residential and non-residential buildings, including extensions or a new dwelling. If your scheme is liable, this charge is payable after development begins.

Information on the CIL charges can be found on the local authority website. In London both Mayoral and local borough CIL charges may be applicable.

Your answers below, and in the application, will enable the local authority to establish if your development is liable for a charge and to calculate it accurately.

Further information on CIL, and what to do if you are liable can be found on the Planning Portal.

It is an offence for a person to knowingly or recklessly supply information which is false or misleading in a material respect to a collecting or charging authority in response to a requirement under the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations (2010) as amended (regulation 110, SI 2010/948). A person guilty of an offence under this regulation may face unlimited fines, two years imprisonment, or both.

Liability for CIL

Does the application include new build development (including extensions and replacement) of 100 square metres gross internal area or above?

◯ Yes
⊘ No

Note: Answer No if either:

- the new or additional internal area only relates to a building into which people do not normally go or only go into intermittently for the purposes of inspecting or maintaining fixed plant or machinery; or
- the new or additional internal area solely relates to an internal/mezzanine floor and no other works or change of use are proposed.

Does the application include creation of one or more new dwellings (including residential annexes) either through new build or conversion (except the conversion of a single dwelling house into two or more separate dwellings with no additional gross internal area created)?

◯ Yes
⊘ No

Employment

Are there any existing employees on the site or will the proposed development increase or decrease the number of employees?

- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

Existing Employees

Please complete the following information regarding existing employees:

Full-time

1

Part-time

6

Total full-time equivalent

3.50

Proposed Employees

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

Full-time

Part-time

Total full-time equivalent

Hours of Opening

Are Hours of Opening relevant to this proposal?

- [x] 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'

Use Class:
F1 - Learning and non-residential institutions

Unknown:
No

Monday to Friday:

Start Time:
00:00

End Time:
23:59

Saturday:

Start Time:
00:00

End Time:
23:59

Sunday / Bank Holiday:

Start Time:
00:00

End Time:
23:59

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?

- [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

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

First Name

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

Surname

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

Reference

Little Library @ Elizabeth Gaskell's House

Date (must be pre-application submission)

08/07/2026

Details of the pre-application advice received

Following pre-application discussions, advice was received from Manchester City Council to submit a planning application. It was recommended that a number of potential locations for the Little Library be assessed to identify the position that would have the least visual impact on the listed house and its setting. To inform this assessment, a series of on-site visual appraisals and mock-ups were undertaken, considering views from the opposite side of the road, the pavement along the site frontage, approaches from both directions along the street, and from the entrance to the house looking towards the rear of the proposed Little Library. As a result of this assessment, the proposed location was decided. The Little Library is now proposed to be positioned on the right-hand side of the entrance fence, set within the existing boundary planting. This location allows the structure to be integrated into the established evergreen shrubs, which provide a natural backdrop between the Little Library and the listed house, reducing its visual prominence and ensuring that it reads as a discreet feature within the site boundary rather than as a prominent addition. Alternative positions were also considered. Locating the Little Library on the entrance wall, or closer to the adjacent tree, was discounted as the height of the wall in this area would place the library beyond comfortable reach for many users, compromising accessibility. The proposed position ensures that the Little Library remains readily accessible to a wide range of users, including children and those with limited mobility, while also allowing access at all times, including when the house itself is closed to visitors. Advice was also given to review comparable proposals at historic or listed sites to understand how similar schemes had been accommodated and whether any relevant planning considerations had arisen. Research identified one comparable example at Wythenshawe Park; however, in this case the Little Library is a freestanding structure resting on the ground rather than being permanently fixed to a structure or boundary feature. As such, it does not require planning permission and therefore provides limited precedent in terms of planning assessment.

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? E.g. All the land is owned by a single individual

⊘ 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

Mrs

First Name

Sally

Surname

Jastrzebski-Lloyd

Declaration Date

07/10/2026

☑ 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

Lauren Green

Date

07/10/2026