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Dear Sir/Madam,

Application for Listed Building Consent for new "Off" indicators on platforms 4 & 8, Huddersfield station

Please find enclosed the requisite plans and details outlining replacement LED "OFF" indicators on Platform 4 and 8 at the railway station, Huddersfield.

The existing indicators are used to notify platform staff that the train is ready to depart and are an important safety feature regulating the departure of trains. They are Halogen lit, are life expired and repeatedly fail. Modern railway standards require Light Emitting Diode fittings, which are larger than the existing and require an alternative means of attachment to the existing column. The new Indicator (double-sided) is approx. 600mm wide, bolted to the existing column 2.5 metres above platform level.

Please find enclosed the following plans:

Location plan (1:1250)
Drawing 06-110-SO-XX-ZZ-DR-S-001: Existing General Arrangement
Drawing 06-110-SO-XX-ZZ-DR-S-002: Proposed General Arrangement
Generic Drawing of standard LED Indicator
Photographs of existing Indicators
Photograph of typical LED installation at listed station (York)

The existing Indicators date from the re-signalling of the line in the 1950's (at the same time as the brick signal box was located beneath the canopy at the end of the now-infilled Platform 7. They have no intrinsic historic or architectural value, being

essential fixtures and fittings and are merely being replaced by a modern equivalent form.

The relevant policies of the current the development plan (Kirklees UDP, adopted 1998) relating to listed buildings (BE3 & 4) were deleted by Ministerial direction in 2007. As such reliance is placed on the guidance given in the National Planning Policy Framework. However, the preparation of the draft Kirklees Local Plan 2016 (currently at post-Inquiry stage) includes an emerging policy on the historic environment (Policy PLP35 of the Strategy & Policies document):

Policy PLP 35
Historic environment

1. Development proposals affecting a designated heritage asset (or an archaeological site of national importance) should conserve those elements which contribute to its significance. Harm to such elements will be permitted only where this is outweighed by the public benefits of the proposal.
Substantial harm or total loss to the significance of a designated heritage asset (or an archaeological site of national importance) will be permitted only in exceptional circumstances.

2. Development proposals affecting archaeological sites of less than national importance should conserve those elements which contribute to their significance in line with the importance of the remains. In those cases where development affecting such sites is acceptable in principle, mitigation of damage will be ensured through preservation of the remains in situ as a preferred solution. When in situ preservation is not justified, the developer will be required to make adequate provision for excavation and recording before or during development. Proposals which would remove, harm or undermine the significance of a non-designated heritage asset, or its contribution to the character of a place are permitted only where the public benefits of the development would outweigh their harm.

3. Proposals should retain those elements of the historic environment which contribute to the distinct identity of the Kirklees area and ensure they are appropriately conserved, to the extent warranted by their significance, also having regard to the wider benefits of development. Consideration should be given to the need to:

a. ensure that proposals maintain and reinforce local distinctiveness and conserve the significance of designated and non-designated heritage assets;
b. ensure that proposals within Conservation Areas conserve those elements which have been identified as contributing to their significance in the relevant Conservation Area Appraisals;
c. secure a sustainable future for heritage assets at risk and those associated with the local textile industry, historic farm buildings, places of worship and civic and

institutional buildings constructed on the back of the wealth created by the textile industry as expressions of local civic pride and identity;
d. identify opportunities, including use of new technologies, to mitigate, and adapt to, the effects of climate change in ways that do not harm the significance of heritage assets and, where conflict is unavoidable, to balance the public benefit of climate change mitigation measures with the harm caused to the heritage assets' significance;
e. accommodate innovative design where this does not prejudice the significance of heritage assets;
f. preserve the setting of Castle Hill where appropriate and proposals which detrimentally impact on the setting of Castle Hill will not be permitted

It is not considered that removal of the existing Indicators and their replacement with modern LED equivalents constitutes harm to the listed building. This is based on the very limited significance of the existing Indicator equipment in the overall context of the station. It is therefore compliant with Policy PLP35.

Please let me know if you require any further information. I look forward in due course to receiving an acknowledgement that the application has been deemed valid.

Yours Sincerely,

Tony Rivero
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