KIRKLEES METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
INVESTMENT & REGENERATION SERVICE

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (as amended) – SECTION 16

DELEGATED DECISION TO DETERMINE APPLICATIONS FOR LISTED BUILDING CONSENT

Reference No:	2019/65/90360/W
Site Address:	Platforms 4 & 8, Huddersfield Railway Station, St George's Square, Huddersfield, HD1 1JB
Description:	Listed Building Consent for installation of LED signal (Within A Conservation Area)
Recommending Officer:	Sue Oakley

DECISION – GRANT LISTED BUILDING CONSENT

I hereby authorise the approval of this application for the reasons set out in the officer's report and recommendation annexed below in respect of the above matter.

Nigel Hunston

AUTHORISED OFFICER

Date: 21-Mar-2019

Officer Report

Site Description
Huddersfield Railway Station was constructed between 1846 and 1850 in a neo-classical style, designed by James Pritchett. It is widely claimed to be the finest classical station in Britain. The station is a Grade I Listed Building and lies within the Huddersfield Town Centre Conservation Area. The main station building comprises a large, central two storey block with a five bay free standing pedimented portico, with a further three bays to either side. Platforms are covered by one very wide and one other cast iron trusses with elaborate bosses at intersection of bracing members. Original supports have been replaced or reinforced, except for 2 on platform 4 which are columns with elaborately moulded bases and capitals. Buffet and Waiting Room between platforms 4 and 8 is a separate match-boarded structure with panelled pilasters, each taking paired brackets and cornice.

Description of Proposal

The applicant proposes the removal of two existing halogen lit “Off” signals secured by mechanically fixed brackets to simple columns on platforms 4 and 8 of the railway station. The existing indicators are glass fronted in a steel casing.

The proposed replacements are new GRP LED indicators. The replacement units are 298mm x 500mm in size with the casings painted matt black and mechanically fixed to the columns. The existing bolt holes will be used for the platform 4 indicator, with new 11mm bolt holes drilled into the column on platform 8 and the existing holes made good.

Relevant History

2007/90295 – Listed Building Consent for 11no customer information screens – Consent granted

86/00162 - Listed Building Consent for erection of passenger information display system - Consent granted

Access Considerations

None.

Consultation Responses

Historic England – no comments.

The Railway Heritage Trust – Support - This is a minor update of a non-heritage asset that is essential to the on-going safe operation of the railway.

The Passenger Train interface at platforms is a major safety risk area in the rail industry, and adequate information to those despatching trains is essential. The upgrading of these indicators to LEDs makes them more visible and more reliable, and has no negative effects on the heritage structure or on the overall appearance of the listed station.

Officer report has been compiled by the Conservation and Design Officer.

Public/Members Response

The application has been publicised with a site notice and a press notice. No representations have been received.

Date site notice expired: 05/03/2019

Publicity expiry date: 15/03/2019

Policy

Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires that planning applications are determined in accordance with the Development Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The Development Plan for Kirklees currently comprises the Local Plan which was adopted on 27 February 2019.

Local Plan

PLP 35 Historic environment.

National Policies and Guidance:

National planning policy and guidance is set out in National Policy Statements, primarily the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) published February 2019, together with Circulars, Parliamentary Statements and associated technical guidance.

The NPPF constitutes guidance for local planning authorities and is a material consideration in determining applications.

Chapter 16 (Conserving and Enhancing the Historic Environment)

Assessment

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This minor upgrade will cause no harm to the character and significance of the building or result in the removal of historic fabric. In addition, the public benefits of enhancing safety by replacing the indicators to LEDs to make them more visible and more reliable is welcomed.

Conclusion

The Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 places a duty on the Local Planning Authority that all decisions should preserve or enhance the character of a listed building. The proposed work highlighted within this report will preserve or enhance its character and as such complies with the Act.

Paragraph 193 of the NPPF states that:

“When considering the impact of a proposed development on the significance of a designated heritage asset, great weight should be given to the asset’s conservation (and the more important the asset, the greater the weight should be). This is irrespective of whether any potential harm amounts to substantial harm, total loss or less than substantial harm to its significance.”

It is considered that the proposed works do not cause harm to the significance of the listed building and therefore the proposal is supported.

Recommendation Grant Consent
Decision Authorisation - Delegated Powers
Application Number: - 2019/90360
Officer Recommendation: Grant Consent

Recommendation:

1. The development shall be begun not later than the expiration of three years beginning with the date on whist consent is granted.
Reason: Pursuant to Section 18(1) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990, as amended by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in complete accordance with the plans and specifications schedule listed in this decision notice except as may be specified in the conditions attached to this permission, which shall in all cases take precedence.
Reason: For the avoidance of doubt as to what is being permitted and so as to ensure the satisfactory appearance of the development on completion, in the interests of the significance of the heritage asset and to accord within the National Planning Policy Framework.

Plans and specifications schedule:-

Plan Type	Reference	Version	Date Received
Heritage, Design and Access Statement			8 February 2019
Existing general arrangement drawing	016_110-SO-XX-ZZ-DR-S-0001	P01	8 February 2019
Proposed general	016_110-SO-	P01	8 February 2019

arrangement drawing	XX-ZZ-DR-S-0002		
Double miniature alphanumeric route indicator assy	A100-2211-1	1	8 February 2019

Pursuant to article 35 (2) of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) Order 2015 and guidance in the National Planning Policy Framework, the Local Planning Authority have, where possible, made a pre-application advice service available, complied with the Kirklees Development Management Charter 2015 and otherwise actively engaged with the applicant in dealing with the application.

Report Dated: 20 March 2019