

Consultation Response from KC, Conservation and Design
2021/93051 Fieldhouse Lane, Huddersfield, HD1 1AG
Prior approval for alterations to railway bridge under Part 18(a), Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015
Date Responded: 22.03.2022 Responding Officer: Nick Grimshaw Responding Ref: TRU-W3 Fieldhouse Lane bridge MVL3/98.
1. Context: 1.1. The application submits material to seek to discharge the two Conditions imposed on the Prior approval (reference 2021/93051) for the reconstruction of Fieldhouse Lane Bridge (MVL3/98) granted consent 16/09/2021 as summarised below: • Condition 1: No works... until the existing structure has been subject to historic recording in accordance with Level 2 of Historic England's A Guide to Good Recording Practice... • Condition 2: No works including any works of demolition shall commence until specifications of all construction and surfacing materials and a methodology for construction has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.. 1.2. The material submitted to address Condition 1 (2021/93051) has been considered against the standard methodology to produce the Historic Building Record as detailed in the previously submitted document described as the: '<i>Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) – Historic Building Recording of Fieldhouse Overbridge (MVL3/98), Ridings Underbridge (MVL3/99) and Peels Pit Underbridge (MVL3/100)</i>', dated December 2021. This WSI relates to the methodology used for all the unlisted bridges. 1.3. The proposed works are for the replacement of the much-altered, unlisted bridge and are described in the documents/plans submitted to discharge Condition 2, reference 2021/93051. The Specifications and Construction information, have been considered. 1.4. Consideration has been given to the requirements of NPPF paragraph 199 and Local Plan Policy LP35. The assessment is informed by Network Rail's assessment of heritage significance: • TransPennine Route Statement of History and Significance: West of Leeds V3.1. Network Rail. March 2017. • TransPennine Route Upgrade Route-wide Statement of Significance. Network Rail. August 2019 2. Comment. 2.1 Fieldhouse overbridge (MVL3/98) is unlisted and is not located in a conservation area. The overbridge has been latterly subject to alteration. The bridge was constructed in the 1880s by the LNWR to replace the original 1840s constructed bridge which was demolished. The overbridge is of a standard form of railway structure for its period. It has a wrought iron deck with quarry faced stone abutments and curved wingwalls.

- 2.2 The late-C20th addition of palisade security fencing and concrete walkway, has obscured the heritage value of the 1880s bridge and although the bridge represents a surviving example of the later consolidation of the line up to 1914, it is considered to be of little intrinsic historic interest and negligible architectural interest.
- 2.3 The submitted Historic Building Record provides comprehensive descriptive and illustrative analysis of the development of Fieldhouse overbridge (MVL3/98) and is considered to addressed the requirements of **Condition 1**, sufficient to confirm discharge of this condition. The details should be added to the Planning Record and a copy provided for the West Yorks Historic Environment Record.
- 2.4 Similarly, the **Construction** information for the proposed alterations/replacement of to **Fieldhouse Lane Rail bridge (MVL3/98)** are considered to be proportionate, relevant and sufficiently detailed to satisfactorily address the requirements of **Condition 2**. Therefore, the proposed discharge of this conditions is supported.

3. Conclusion

- 3.1 The material submitted to secure the discharge of Conditions 1 and 2 on Prior Approval ref: 2021/93051 (granted consent 16/09/21) as it relates to works to **Fieldhouse Lane Rail Bridge** (MVL3/98) is considered to be appropriate, proportionate to the significance of the structure and necessary and is consequently supported.