

**KIRKLEES METROPOLITAN COUNCIL  
INVESTMENT & REGENERATION SERVICE**

**DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT**

**Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)**

**DELEGATED DECISION TO DETERMINE APPLICATIONS FOR  
CONSENT, AGREEMENT OR APPROVAL REQUIRED BY CONDITION**

Reference No:	<b>2023/44/91812/W</b>
Site Address:	railway line and associated land between, Huddersfield and Westtown (Dewsbury), within the Order Limits of The Network Rail (Huddersfield to Westtown (Dewsbury), Improvements Order 2022
Description:	Discharge of conditions 5, 6, 7, 10, 12 and 16 of the Deemed Planning Permission granted by the Department for Transport in relation to The Network Rail (Huddersfield to Westtown (Dewsbury) Improvements Order 2022, Stage 4 of the Development
Recommending Officer:	Louise Bearcroft

**DECISION – Discharge of Condition – Approve**

**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.**

*Victor Grayson*

**AUTHORISED OFFICER**

**Date: 03/10/2024**

## **UPDATE REPORT OCTOBER 2024**

This report should be read in conjunction with the previous officer report dated 16/08/2023. It relates to condition 5 (Code of Construction Practice) only, with reference to a request from Network Rail to vary the approved working hours at Huddersfield Station.

Following the issue of a decision which discharged details of standard working hours to satisfy condition 5, the applicant has subsequently submitted written correspondence dated 25/09/2024 requesting a variation of the working hours at Huddersfield Station only, for the works and time period detailed below:

### ***Huddersfield Station main canopy works: grit blasting.***

*The Alliance Civils team is in preparation to commence grit blasting work in the main canopy of Huddersfield Station under the Section 61 agreement made with Kirklees Council. These works could be conducted during standard daytime working hours, however the Alliance would prefer to use night time hours (7pm to 6am) with the following justification:*

- It is assessed as more disruptive to station operation to conduct works during the day, particularly potential disruption to the operations of the Trans Pennine Express (TPE) training centre that is opposite to the main canopy location;*
- There have been no complaints from any residents living adjacent to the station during the consented works to date;*
- Noise readings taken are lower than those predicted during the technical assessment that have been consented by Kirklees Council under the S61 process and is therefore assessed as low risk; and,*
- It will be beneficial to retain weekend working and continue with a controlled construction programme to meet future major possession requirements in the station without the need for any acceleration of the works.*

### ***Main canopy works rust removal: Needle gunning.***

*When the main roof covering is removed, the Alliance would like to commence “needle gunning” between 7pm and 6am in general with the same justification as given in the bulleted items above. Needle gunning is a technique that will remove rust from the underside of the canopy.*

*The Alliance has submitted a separate S61 application to Kirklees Council for this activity and is currently awaiting consent.*

### ***Other works during non-standard hours***

*In addition to the grit blasting and needle gunning, the Alliance would like to utilise the opportunity to undertake other work within the enclosed roof space flexibly at any time during the 24-hour period each day. A temporary scaffold deck has been erected under the roof and*

*closed up the gable ends to effectively make an indoor space above the operational station below. Working within this enclosed space provides additional protection from noise nuisance to residential receptors. Minor works in this area that are considered low risk include:*

- further scaffold erection within this space;*
- repairs and strengthening to the existing metal roof trusses; and*
- painting the existing metal roof trusses.*

*The Alliance would like to conduct these works flexibly at any time during the 24-hour day as an added benefit in completing works in advance of major possessions at Huddersfield Station without the need to accelerate works at a later date to meet the programme challenges.*

*In addition, this is considered low risk work on its own but then conducted within a newly formed enclosed space for added protection from noise nuisance.*

### **Combined Works Programme**

<b>Works</b>	<b>Dates (works 7pm to 6am) unless stated</b>
<i>Grit blasting phase 1a (Leeds end)</i>	<i>Mid-October to end November 2024</i>
<i>Needle-gunning in phase 1b (Manchester end)</i>	<i>15 nights between mid-November 2024 and early January 2025.</i>
<i>Needle-gunning in phase 1a (Leeds end)</i>	<i>Most of January 2025</i>
<i>Other works</i>	<i>Now to early January 2025 (flexibly at any time)</i>

KC Conservation and Design and KC Environmental Health were forwarded a copy of the correspondence for their comments. KC Conservation and Design have confirmed the grit blasting and needle gunning would be to the metal canopy structures to remove existing paint and rust, reveal any damage or fatigue to the metalwork so that the extent of repair can be seen clearly, and prepare the surfaces for repair and re-painting.

KC Environmental Health have supplied details of a Section 61 Notice granted for the works, dated 25/09/2024. With the exception of work carried out within normal working hours i.e. Monday to Friday 0730hrs to 1800hrs and Saturdays 0800hrs to 1300hrs, 24hour working is permitted during the approved dates. The Section 61 consent is in force from 25/09/2024 to 30/09/2025.

An informal discussion was held with KC Highways Development Management who raise no objections to the proposal for 24hour working for the period specified in the letter, in respect of highway safety matters.

In conclusion, officers acknowledge the Section 61 consent and accordingly recommend that the proposed variation to the working hours at Huddersfield Station for the specified works and specified time period as detailed in the

letter by Network Rail dated 25/09/2024 reference 151667-TSA-00-TRU-REP-W-EN-001616 be accepted.

## **Decision Notice Text**

### **Condition 5 Code of Construction Practice**

#### **Request from Network Rail to vary working hours at Huddersfield Station**

##### **Documents Submitted**

- Letter from Network Rail dated 25/09/ 2024, Reference 151667-TSA-00-TRU-REP-W-EN-001616 titled “The Network Rail (Huddersfield to Westtown (Dewsbury) Improvements) Order 2022.Code of Construction Practice Part A: Request to vary standard working hours at Huddersfield Station”.

##### **Assessment**

You have submitted the above document in relation to a proposed variation to the approved standard working hours pursuant to the requirements of condition 5 (Code of Construction Practice), Stage 4. The details therein relating to specified works at Huddersfield Station are acceptable for the purposes of condition 5 and are hereby approved for the specified time period. You are advised the standard working hours otherwise apply to all other works in Stage 4 which are not expressly listed in this document.

Report Dated: 

03/10/2024
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