

**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:	2023/44/91812/W
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.

Nicholas Hirst

AUTHORISED OFFICER

Date: 24-Apr-2025

UPDATE REPORT APRIL 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 24/03/2025 reference 151667-TSA-00-TRU-REP-W-EN-001769 requesting a variation of the working hours at Huddersfield Station only, for the works and time period detailed below:

Further to the completion of works at Huddersfield Station, which were previously approved (your letter dated 03-Oct-2024, Ref: 2023/91812) to be undertaken outside of the standard working hours, the following additional minor scaffolding work activities are similarly required to be undertaken outside of the standard working hours:

- 1. Alterations to the scaffolding in the station roof;*
- 2. Removal of the scaffolding from under the completed roof and above the temporary scaffold deck; and*
- 3. The removal of the scaffold support towers from the station platforms (after the main scaffold deck has been removed).*

Most of the above work activities will be carried out using Rules of the Route possessions, which are not restricted to the standard working hours stated in the CoCP Part A. However, to minimise Health & Safety risk to station users during core working hours and to ensure these necessary works are completed as promptly as possible, thereby reducing potential program risk to the upcoming major railway blockade (September 2025), a proportion of these works will also need to be undertaken outside of core working hours.

The requested extended working hours would therefore be to allow the Alliance to conduct these works flexibly, at any time during the 24-hour day, between March – September 2025 inclusive (works will not commence until approval of this request is received)

KC Environmental Health were forwarded a copy of the correspondence for their comments. KC Environmental Health have reviewed the supporting letter from Network Rail and have no objections to the request for extended working hours at any time during the 24hr day between March to September 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.

Planning officers concur with the assessments offered by consultees, and raise no other material planning concerns with the proposal.

In conclusion, officers 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 24/03/2025 reference 151667-TSA-00-TRU-REP-W-EN-001769 be accepted.

Recommendation: Approve

Report Dated: 24/04/2025

Proposed 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 24/03/2025 reference 151667-TSA-00-TRU-REP-W-EN-001769 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.