

**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:	2023/44/91990/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, 17 and 18 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 6 of the Development
Recommending Officer:	Liz Chippendale

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.

Nick Hirst

AUTHORISED OFFICER

Date: 16-Jan-2026

Application: 2023/91990

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UPDATE REPORT JANUARY 2026

This report should be read in conjunction with the previous officer report dated 20/11/2025. It relates to condition 5 (Code of Construction Practice) only.

Following the issue of a decision which discharged details of standard working hours to satisfy condition 5, the applicant has subsequently submitted written correspondence requesting a variation of the working hours for works under Stage 6.

Background

Network Rail previously applied to request the approval to extend working hours at Huddersfield Station, between 29th November and 30th November for works to EO Earthworks.

An approval was issued for this request (see letter dated 20/11/2025).

Documents Submitted

- Letter from Network Rail dated 15 December 2025 Reference 151667-TSA-00-TRU-REP-W-EN-900054 titled "The Network Rail (Huddersfield to Westtown (Dewsbury) Improvements) Order 2022 Code of Construction Practice Part A: Request to vary standard working hours – Weaving Lane, Ravensthorpe (application ref: 2023/91990)
- Noise and Vibration Assessment technical note – TransPennine Route Upgrade Weaving Lane/Scout Hill Mills utilities works Ref: 100099912 dated 12/12/2024

Proposal

The applicant's letter dated 15/12/2025 requests to vary the standard working hours in relation to works at Weaving Lane, Ravensthorpe.

Network Rail state the following:

The Alliance Team is undertaking utility improvements works to divert a gravity sewer using a tunnel boring machine (TBM) beneath the live running track at Waving Lane/Scout Hill Mills.

The sewer diversion works will primarily be undertaken during the normal core working hours as agreed. However, due to the construction methodology required for TBM operations beneath a live railway, once commenced, the activity must continue without interruption. Consequently, these works cannot be confined to core hours and will need to proceed outside the agreed times. Timely completion is essential, as this activity is critical to the overall project programme.

The following extended hours are requested:

- Monday to Friday: 18:00 to 08:00 (following morning)
- Saturday: 13:00 to 08:00 (Sunday)
- Sunday: 08:00 to 08:00 (Monday)

The extended hours would apply between 12 January 2026 and 23 February 2026 (extended hours will commence on receipt of the approval for this submission).

The applicant submitted the following relating to potential noise and vibration disturbance:

The Alliance has engaged a noise consultant to carry out a formal Noise and Vibration (N & V) Assessment to evaluate potential impacts from the proposed extended working hours. The Assessment predicts that noise levels will remain below the significant observed adverse effect level (SOAEL) threshold, meaning no significant impact on noise-sensitive receptors at any time during these extended hours. Best Practice Measures (BPM), in accordance with CoCP Parts A and B, will be implemented to mitigate any residual noise and vibration effects.

Consultation Responses

KC Environmental Health, comments dated 13/01/2026:

The Proposal is to vary the standard working hours in relation to Weaving Lane, Ravensthorpe as per the email from Pam Butler dated 15 December 2025 in order to undertake utility improvement works to divert a gravity sewer using a tunnel boring machine (TBM) beneath the live running track at Weaving Lane/Scout Hill Mills as shown in Figure 1 of the covering letter. The request is to extend the working hours, seven days a week as follows:

- Monday to Friday: 18:00 to 08:00 (including morning)
- Saturday: 13:00 to 08:00 (Sunday)
- Sunday: 08:00 to 08:00 (Monday)

For ease of understanding, this is 24 hour working i.e. standard construction hours plus the additional hours requested above.

The extended hours would apply between 12 January 2026 to 23 February 2026 (subject to approval).

A Technical Note has been submitted dated 12 December 2025 which considers the activity and the impact upon the nearest noise sensitive receptors (NSRs) as shown in figure 1. The timings of the works are given in para 2.4 which entail 24hr working, 7 days a week as per the works programme in table 6. The predicted noise and vibration levels are given in tables 7 and 8 and how there to be no exceedance values at either of the NSRs.

We have no objection to the variation but ask the Planning Officer to note the details of the works and the dates of the variation when deciding upon the application.

K.C Highways, via email correspondence dated 16/01/2026:

A request has been received – Letter ref. 151667-TSA-00-TRU-REP-W-EN-900054, Dated 15 December 2026, to vary standard working hours in relation to works at Weaving Lane, Ravensthorpe.

The requested extended working hours are:

- *Monday to Friday: 18:00 to 08:00 (following morning)*
- *Saturday: 13:00 to 08:00 (Sunday)*
- *Sunday: 08:00 to 08:00 (Monday)*

The extended hours would apply between 12 January 2026 and 23 February 2026

The extended working hours, which when combined with core working hours would effectively permit working 24hrs per day, 7 days per week

The works, which involve boring a tunnel beneath a live railway line are critical to the overall project programme. Due to the construction methodology required for Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) operations once commenced the activity must continue without interruption.

It is considered that the proposed extended working hours will not adversely impact on the operation or safety of the local highway network and HDM have no objection to the request.

Assessment

Network Rail have applied to vary the previously approved standard working hours in relation to specific works in Stage 6 for undertaking utility improvement works to divert a gravity sewer.

Officers concur with the assessments made by K.C. Environmental Health and K.C. Highways and raise no specific concerns to the information submitted.

Officers recommend that the proposed variation to the working hours for the specified works and specified time periods, as detailed in the letters by Network Rail, be accepted.

Recommendation: Approve details

Report Dated: 16/01/2026

Recommended Decision Notice Text

Condition 5 Code of Construction Practice

The following document has been submitted:

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The document relates to a proposed variation to the previously approved standard working hours pursuant to the requirements of condition 5 (Code of Construction Practice), Stage 6 only.

The document details a request from Network Rail to vary working hours at Weaving Lane, Ravensthorpe as detailed below:

- Monday to Friday: 18:00 to 08:00 (following morning)
- Saturday: 13:00 to 08:00 (Sunday)
- Sunday: 08:00 to 08:00 (Monday)

The extended hours would apply between 12 January 2026 and 23 February 2026 (extended hours will commence on receipt of the approval for this submission).

The details therein, relating to specified works at the specified locations, are acceptable for the purposes of condition 5 and are hereby approved for the specified time periods identified above.

It is noted that, whilst the threshold for noise insulation or temporary housing has not been met, we ask the applicant to ensure the identified NSRs are made aware of the works and given the details of the Network Rail Helpline so that any concerns can be raised and addressed appropriately.

You are advised the standard working hours otherwise apply to all other works in Stage 6 which are not expressly listed in these documents.