

**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: 13-Feb-2026

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UPDATE REPORT FEBRUARY 2026

This report should be read in conjunction with the previous officer report dated 16/01/2026. 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 extension of working hours at Weaving Lane, Ravensthorpe between 26th January and September 2026 to undertake utility and bridge works at Fall Lane and Thornhill Lane.

An approval was issued for this request (see letter dated 14/02/2025).

Amended hours requests are also submitted for works at Calder Road and a scheme wide request which are under consideration.

Documents Submitted

- Letter from Network Rail dated 23 January 2026 Reference 151667-TSA-00-TRU-REP-W-EN-900095 titled "The Network Rail (Huddersfield to Westtown (Dewsbury) Improvements) Order 2022 Code of Construction Practice Part A: Request to vary standard working hours near Colne Bridge Road, Huddersfield (application ref: 2023/91990)
- Noise and Vibration Assessment technical note – TransPennine Route Upgrade – Thornhill Road works Ref: 100099912 dated 19/01/2026
- NR email dated 10.02.2026 – response to Highway comments
- Article 16 notification temporary stopping up notice at Colne Bridge Road Ref: Sch 3_101

Proposal

The applicant's letter dated 23/01/2026 requests to vary the standard working hours in relation to works at Colne Bridge Road, Huddersfield.

Network Rail state the following:

As part of the TransPennine Route Upgrade, the Alliance Civils team will carry out essential works on Colne Bridge Road to enable highways realignment, as well as refurbishment works at Colne Viaduct to allow the two new tracks to be installed over the river Colne.

- *Colne Bridge Road: The works include highways realignment and improvement works between the roundabout and River Colne road bridge. Works will involve enabling, earthworks and structural works, including service diversions, highway works, wall removal, and final surfacing and lining.*
- *Colne Viaduct: The refurbishment works involve the installation of the scaffolding, removal of existing paint by grit blasting methods, application of the paint system and installation of steelwork repairs to the existing bridge*

The works will predominantly be undertaken within the permitted core TWAO working hours or during Rules of the Route possessions where activities affect the operational railway. However, extended working hours are required to facilitate programme recovery and also help to minimise overall disruption by reducing the duration and frequency of road closures in the surrounding area. Maximising available working time through extended hours will improve construction efficiency, reduce overall programme duration and deliver time and cost savings. These activities are critical to the project's entry-into-service programme and therefore require acceleration.

The following extended hours are requested:

Colne Bridge Road Works

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

These extended hours are requested until September 2026

Colne Viaduct Refurbishment works

- Saturday: 13:00 to 18:00 Daytime
- Sunday: 08:00 to 18:00 Daytime

These extended hours are requested until December 2026

Network Rail add the following clarification to the request:

This does not mean continuous night working throughout this period. The programme is intermittent, with breaks between activities.

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

A Cumulative Noise and Vibration Assessment (Doc Ref: 151667-TSA-00-TRU-REP-W-EN-900091) has been carried out to evaluate potential impacts from the proposed extended working hours.

*This assessment indicates that SOAEL will **not** be exceeded at nearby noise-sensitive receptors (NSRs) during night-time works. During weekday and weekend daytime periods, exceedances may occur some NSRs. However, the duration of exceedances would not exceed the temporal criteria for significant effects, or the requirements for noise insulation or temporary rehousing.*

Best Practice Measures (BPM), in line with CoCP Parts A and B and the Noise & Vibration assessment, will be implemented to mitigate any residual effects.

Officer Negotiations

KC Highways DM raised concerns to the proposed amended working hours due to the traffic management required to enable the works which could result in unacceptable queuing, leading to detrimental highway safety.

In response, Network Rail confirmed that in relation to works at Colne Bridge Road, the extended hours are tied to 2No. periods during which a full highway closure will be in effect. There will be no impacts on the highway outside of this main closure. All other works will be restricted to the railway corridor or site compounds.

The first road closure has been consented under Article 16 of the TWAO Ref_Sch 3_101. There is to be a further submission to cover the closure from 18 May to 22 July 2026.

Consultation Responses

KC Environmental Health

Network Rail have submitted a letter dated 23 January 2026 Ref 151667-TSA-00-TRU-REP-W-EN-900095 seeking to vary the standard working hours at Colne Bridge Road and Colne Viaduct.

A supporting Noise & Vibration Assessment from AtkinsRéalis dated 19 January 2026 has been submitted which considers the proposed activities and the impact upon the nearest noise sensitive receptors (NSRs) as shown in figure 1. The timings of the works are given in para 3.4, some of which entail 24hr working. The predicted noise and vibration levels are given in table 5 and show there to be a weekend exceedance for activity 10 (Gritblast and painting works) at NSR2. These activities

will be from 0800hrs to 1800hrs on Saturdays and Sundays. There are no predicted no exceedance values at any of the other NSRs.

We have no objection to the variation subject to the applicant ensuring all works continue to be implemented in accordance with Best Practicable Means (BPM) and their approved Noise and Vibration Management Plans at all times.

We 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

A request has been received – Letter ref. 151667-TSA-00-TRU-REP-W-EN-900095, Dated 23 January 2026, to vary standard working hours in relation to works at Colne Bridge Road and Colne Viaduct. The works are required to carry out essential works on Colne Bridge Road to enable highways realignment, as well as refurbishment works at Colne Viaduct to allow two new tracks to be installed over the river Colne.

The requested extended working hours are:

Colne Bridge Road Works:

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

These extended hours allow 24hr working and would apply until September 2026. The extended working hours will only be implemented for two periods (23/03/2026 – 10/04/2026 and 18/05/2026 to 22/07/2026) during which there will be a full road closure on Colne Bridge Road, there will be no impact on the highway outside of these closures.

Colne Viaduct Refurbishment Works:

- Saturday: 13:00 – 18:00 Daytime*
- Sunday: 08:00 – 18:00 Daytime*

These extended working hours would apply until December 2026. The proposed extended working hours have been discussed and agreed through the Highway Network Management Group, HDM have no objection to the proposed extended working hours.

Assessment

Network Rail have applied to vary the previously approved standard working hours in relation to specific works in Stage 6 for undertaking utility and bridge works.

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: 12.02.2026

Recommended Decision Notice Text

Condition 5 Code of Construction Practice

The following document has been submitted:

- Letter from Network Rail dated 23 January 2026 Reference 151667-TSA-00-TRU-REP-W-EN-900095 titled "The Network Rail (Huddersfield to Westtown (Dewsbury) Improvements) Order 2022 Code of Construction Practice Part A: Request to vary standard working hours near Colne Bridge Road, Huddersfield (application ref: 2023/91990)
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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 near Colne Bridge Road, Huddersfield as detailed below:

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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 / the above table.