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Head of Planning
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24th April 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Full Planning Application for enabling landscaping and engineering works at West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Bradford Road, Birkenshaw, BD11 2DY

nineteen47 are instructed on behalf of West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service to prepare and submit a full planning application in respect of the aforementioned proposals at West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Bradford Road, Birkenshaw.

This application site area forms part of the wider West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue HQ site. The site benefits from two extant permissions (ref 2022/70/92681/E – the HQ application, and 2022/62/92718/E – the RTC yard application) for the redevelopment of the site to provide modern regional important fire and rescue service infrastructure. As the development work has progressed on site, further design evolution has resulted in the requirement to formalize in planning terms addition design details and minor amendments. Two separate applications have been submitted alongside this application to update approved information relating to the HQ and RTC sites. As elements of these works fall outside of either of those red line boundaries, it is necessary to submit this application for enabling works to support the delivery of those works. **We request that all three applications are considered conjointly to enable the works to be fully considered and understood.**

Submitted in support of this application are the following documents:

- Plans:
 - Site Location Plan HQC004-BBA-ZO-XX-DR-L01070 P01;
 - Landscape Masterplan 3 HQC004-BBA-ZO-00-DR-L-1073 P04;
 - Landscape Masterplan (whole site - annotated for LPA reference);
 - Proposed Site Plan – Fire Station & East of HQ HQC004-BBA-ZO-00-DR-L-1084 P01;
 - Turnstiles specification; and
- Technical Note - Biodiversity Net Gain Evaluation (The Environmental Partnership).

A masterplan has been submitted with this application (Masterplan-S4-C12) for the benefit of the LPA, which sets out all of the amendments proposed across the three application site areas to enable the works and the relevant red line boundaries to be fully understood.

Proposed Amendments

Through further discussion with the West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service, minor amendments have been identified, which can be made to the scheme to improve the landscape and design details and are additionally required to enhance security measures at the site.

A number of the proposed amendments and design details relating to the HQ site requiring supporting works outside of that red line boundary. These matters comprise:

- A 1.1m high pedestrian highway barrier and pedestrian access point via a turnstyle; part of which within the red line for the HQ application.
- A new footpath is proposed on the line of existing road kerb along the internal road, which runs along the eastern side of the parade ground. This area also crosses into the RTC yard site area. The footpath is to be created on the current road surface to minimise excavation in the root protection areas.
- A new crossing is additionally proposed with blister paving, located to the northeast of the parade ground. Part of this area falls outside of the HQ application boundary and as such is included in this application.
- At the northern edge of the new fire station, the existing embankment requires regrading to facilitate the new access gates proposed within the S73 application for the HQ site, submitted alongside this application. No trees are required to be removed to facilitate the changes; however additional measures have been included in the submitted Arboricultural Impact Assessment Addendum (ref: D8808.04.100) which will ensure that any risks during the construction are mitigated against.
- The proposals also include the removal of the staircase to the northeast of the Whitehall Road access, and the extension of the low-level retaining wall. The grass verge will also be improved with some additional landscaping. The alterations extend partly outside of the HQ red line boundary and are therefore shown in the new full application boundary.

Assessment of the Proposals

The proposed development is overall minor in nature and will support the wider redevelopment of the West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue site to create a high quality final scheme. The proposals included within this application constitute enabling works only. The proposals are necessary in order for the proposed changes contained with the two applications submitted alongside this one to be implemented. The proposed development will not have an adverse impact on the character or appearance of the surrounding area, on residential amenity or on highway safety due to the minor nature of the amendments.

It should be noted that should this application be granted, the planning permission will not be implemented without the other two pending planning permissions.

We trust that we have provided sufficient information for the purposes of validation and look forward to receiving notification of validation in due course. Should there be any queries or comments to any of the proposed amendments, we would be happy to discuss these further.

Yours faithfully

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