THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017 SCREENING MATRIX

1. CASE DETAILS			
Case Reference	2024/20572	**Brief description of the project / development**	Refurbishment comprising (Phase 1) façade improvements including Henry Street entrance, replacement shop fronts and alterations to external bus apron, alterations / extension to the existing barrier within the bus alighting lane adjacent to Henry Street, and (phase 2) new entrance canopy, public realm improvements, cycle hub and façade improvements including replacement shop fronts.
Appellant	West Yorkshire Combined Authority and Kirklees Metropolitan Council		
LPA	Kirklees		

2. EIA DETAILS	
Is the project Schedule 1 development according to Schedule 1 of the EIA Regulations?	No
If YES, which description of development (THEN GO TO Q4)	n/a
Is the project Schedule 2 development under the EIA Regulations?	Yes
If YES, under which description of development in Column 1 and Column 2?	(b)
Is the development within, partly within, or near a 'sensitive area' as defined by Regulation 2 of the EIA Regulations?	No
If YES, which area?	n/a
Are the applicable thresholds/criteria in Column 2 exceeded/met?	Yes
If yes, which applicable threshold/criteria?	(i) The development includes more than 1-hectare of urban development which is not dwellinghouse development.

3. LPA/SOS SCREENING	
Has the LPA or SoS issued a Screening Opinion (SO) or Screening Direction (SD)? (In the case of Enforcement appeals, has a Regulation 37 notice been issued)	No
If yes, is a copy of the SO/SD on the file?	No
If yes, is the SO/SD positive?	No

4. ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT	
Has the appellant supplied an ES for the current or previous (if reserved matters or conditions) application?	No

WHEN COMPLETING THIS DOCUMENT IN RELATION TO AN ENFORCEMENT APPEAL, THE UNDERSIGNED OFFICER HAS HAD REGARD TO THE PROJECT AS ALLEGED IN THE RELEVANT ENFORCEMENT NOTICE WHEN REFERING TO THE PROJECT / DEVELOPMENT.

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	Briefly explain reasons and, if applicable and/or known, include name of feature(s) and proximity to site(s)		Is a significant effect likely, having regard particularly to the magnitude and spatial extent (including population size affected), nature, intensity and complexity, probability, expected onset, duration, frequency and reversibility of the impact and the possibility to effectively reduce the impact? If the finding of no significant effect is **reliant on specific features or measures** of the project envisaged to avoid, or prevent what might otherwise have been, significant adverse effects on the environment **these should be identified in bold**.	
5. NATURAL RESOURCES				
5.1 Will construction, operation or decommissioning of the project involve actions which will cause physical changes in the topography of the area?	No	Works are within an urban area and would affect existing buildings and structures	N/A	
5.2 Will construction or operation of the project use natural resources above or below ground such as land, soil, water, materials/minerals or energy which are non-renewable or in short supply?	Yes	The use of concrete, tarmac and similar may involve the use of non-renewable materials.	No	The scale and nature of the works means that the quantities of materials used would, it is expected, be small, and no loss of green space or semi-natural landscape would occur.
5.3 Are there any areas on/around the location which contain important, high quality or scarce resources which could be affected by the project, e.g. forestry, agriculture, water/coastal, fisheries, minerals?	No	The site is in a built-up area	N/a	
6. WASTE				
6.1 Will the project produce solid wastes during construction or operation or decommissioning?	Yes		No	Possible waste generation during construction only, disposal of which will be covered by current non-planning legislation.

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7. POLLUTION AND NUISANCES				
7.1 Will the project release pollutants or any hazardous, toxic or noxious substances to air?	No	The site is unlikely to give rise to an increase in vehicle engine emissions.	N/a	
7.2 Will the project cause noise and vibration or release of light, heat, energy or electromagnetic radiation?	Yes	During construction only.	No	Possible noise, vibration and release of energy during construction. Can be prevented or mitigated with **Construction Environmental Management Plan.**
7.3 Will the project lead to risks of contamination of land or water from releases of pollutants onto the ground or into surface waters, groundwater, coastal waters or the sea?	Yes	One area of potentially contaminated land lies within the site and two others partly overlap it.	N/a	The scale and nature of the project is unlikely to require deep foundations, so groundwater would be unaffected, and there are no nearby surface water bodies. **Risks from possible contamination can be prevented by submission of Phase I Risk Assessment (and subsequent Phase II etc reports if appropriate.)**
7.4 Are there any areas on or around the location which are already subject to pollution or environmental damage, e.g. where existing legal environmental standards are exceeded, which could be affected by the project?	No	The Town Centre, including the Bus Station, is within Air Quality Management Area 9. The proposal is however unlikely to result in a net increase in vehicle engine emissions.	N/a	
8. POPULATION AND HUMAN HEALTH				
8.1 Will there be any risk of major accidents (including those caused by climate change, in accordance with scientific knowledge) during construction, operation or decommissioning?	No	It is considered that the scale and nature of the proposal makes the risk of major accidents negligible.	N/a	
8.2 Will the project present a risk to the population (having regard to population density) and their human	Yes	Low, and manageable risks, owing to the possibility of land contamination and of noise and dust during construction, as set out above.	No	Risks can be mitigated by requiring **Construction Environmental Management Plan and Phase I Risk Assessment**

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health during construction, operation or decommissioning? (for example due to water contamination or air pollution)				
9. WATER RESOURCES				
9.1 Are there any water resources including surface waters, e.g. rivers, lakes/ponds, coastal or underground waters on or around the location which could be affected by the project, particularly in terms of their volume and flood risk?	No	There are no surface or known underground waters on or around the location.	N/a	
10. BIODIVERSITY (SPECIES AND HABITATS)				
10.1 Are there any protected areas which are designated or classified for their terrestrial, avian and marine ecological value, or any non-designated / non-classified areas which are important or sensitive for reasons of their terrestrial, avian and marine ecological value, located on or around the location and which could be affected by the project? (e.g. wetlands, watercourses or other water-bodies, the coastal zone, mountains, forests or woodlands, undesignated nature reserves or parks). Where designated indicate level of designation (international, national, regional or local).	No		N/a	
10.2 Could any protected, important or sensitive species of flora or fauna which use areas on or around the site, e.g. for breeding, nesting, foraging, resting,	Yes	The site is approximately 250m from a recorded Swift nesting site.	No	The risk of swifts being negatively affected is judged to be very low as the existing building is unlikely to provide nest sites.

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over-wintering, or migration, be affected by the project?				
11. LANDSCAPE AND VISUAL				
11.1 Are there any areas or features on or around the location which are protected for their landscape and scenic value, and/or any non-designated / non-classified areas or features of high landscape or scenic value on or around the location which could be affected by the project?[1] Where designated indicate level of designation (international, national, regional or local).	No	The site is within a built-up area.	N/a	
11.2 Is the project in a location where it is likely to be highly visible to many people? (If so, from where, what direction, and what distance?)	Yes	The site is in a busy part of Huddersfield Town Centre	No	The proposed development would not affect any distant views, and visual impact is expected to be positive or neutral subject to **appropriate design details.**
12. CULTURAL HERITAGE/ARCHAEOLOGY				
12.1 Are there any areas or features which are protected for their cultural heritage or archaeological value, or any non-designated / classified areas and/or features of cultural heritage or archaeological importance on or around the location which could be affected by the project (including potential impacts on setting, and views to, from and within)? Where designated indicate level of designation (international, national, regional or local).	Yes	Within 10m of site boundary is Huddersfield Conservation Area and three Grade II Listed Buildings.	No	The scale of the works proposed is considered to be modest compared to that of the existing buildings and structures on site. **So that impact can be accurately assessed, a Heritage Assessment should be submitted with any future application.**

[1] See question 8.1 for consideration of impacts on heritage designations and receptors, including on views to, within and from designated areas.

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13. TRANSPORT AND ACCESS				
13.1 Are there any routes on or around the location which are used by the public for access to recreation or other facilities, which could be affected by the project?	Yes	Site is bounded by the existing adopted highway	No	The proposals are designed to improve public safety and accessibility.
13.2 Are there any transport routes on or around the location which are susceptible to congestion or which cause environmental problems, which could be affected by the project?	No	It is anticipated that the performance of any transport routes on or around the location would be improved as a result.	N/a	
14. LAND USE				
14.1 Are there existing land uses or community facilities on or around the location which could be affected by the project? E.g. housing, densely populated areas, industry / commerce, farm/agricultural holdings, forestry, tourism, mining, quarrying, facilities relating to health, education, places of worship, leisure /sports / recreation.	No	A wide range of land uses are to be found within the vicinity of the site, including residential and retail but the proposal is for the enhancement of an existing use and there are no grounds for believing it would be incompatible with surrounding land uses or likely to negatively affect them.	N/a	
14.2 Are there any plans for future land uses on or around the location which could be affected by the project?	No	There are no recent planning permissions for new uses or developments on land adjacent to the site.	N/a	
15. LAND STABILITY AND CLIMATE				
15.1 Is the location susceptible to earthquakes, subsidence, landslides, erosion, or extreme /adverse climatic conditions, e.g. temperature inversions, fogs, severe winds, which could cause the project to present environmental problems?	Yes	The site lies within a Coal Referral Area which means that there is a significant possibility that land could be subject to instability as a result of coal mining legacy.	No	The development does not appear to involve new build requiring new foundations, or other significant groundworks. Any future application would, as a precaution, be referred to the Coal Authority for comment, and depending on their response a **Coal Mining Risk Assessment** would be sought.

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16. CUMULATIVE EFFECTS				
16.1 Could this project together with existing and/or approved development result in cumulation of impacts together during the construction/operation phase?	No	There are no existing or approved developments close to the application site that are considered to give rise to a significant risk of cumulative impacts.	N/a	
17. TRANSBOUNDARY EFFECTS				
17.1 Is the project likely to lead to transboundary effects?[2]	No	The site is several kilometres from the nearest boundary with another local authority area.	N/a	

[2] The Regulations require consideration of the transboundary nature of the impact. Due to the England's geographical location the vast majority of TCPA cases are unlikely to result in transboundary impacts.

18. CONCLUSIONS – ACCORDING TO EIA REGULATIONS SCHEDULE 3

Significant environmental impacts are unlikely. Where environmental impacts have the potential to occur, they can be predicted by specialist reports (Phase 1 Contaminated Land Risk Assessment, Heritage Impact Assessment, and in the event of an approval, a Construction Environmental Management Plan) and appropriately mitigated.

For the reasons explained in this Screening Opinion assessment, the development is not required to provide an Environmental Statement. The Council therefore formally confirms that an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required in respect of the above planning application/proposals.

19. SCREENING DECISION

If a SO/SD has been provided do you agree with it?	N/A
Is it necessary to issue a SD?	No
Is an ES required?	No

20. ASSESSMENT (EIA REGS SCHEDULE 2 DEVELOPMENT)	**OUTCOME**	
Is likely to have significant effects on the environment	ES required	No
<u>Not</u> likely to have significant effects on the environment	ES not required	Yes
More information is required to inform direction	Request further info	No

21. REASON FOR SCREENING

To accord with the requirements of The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017

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