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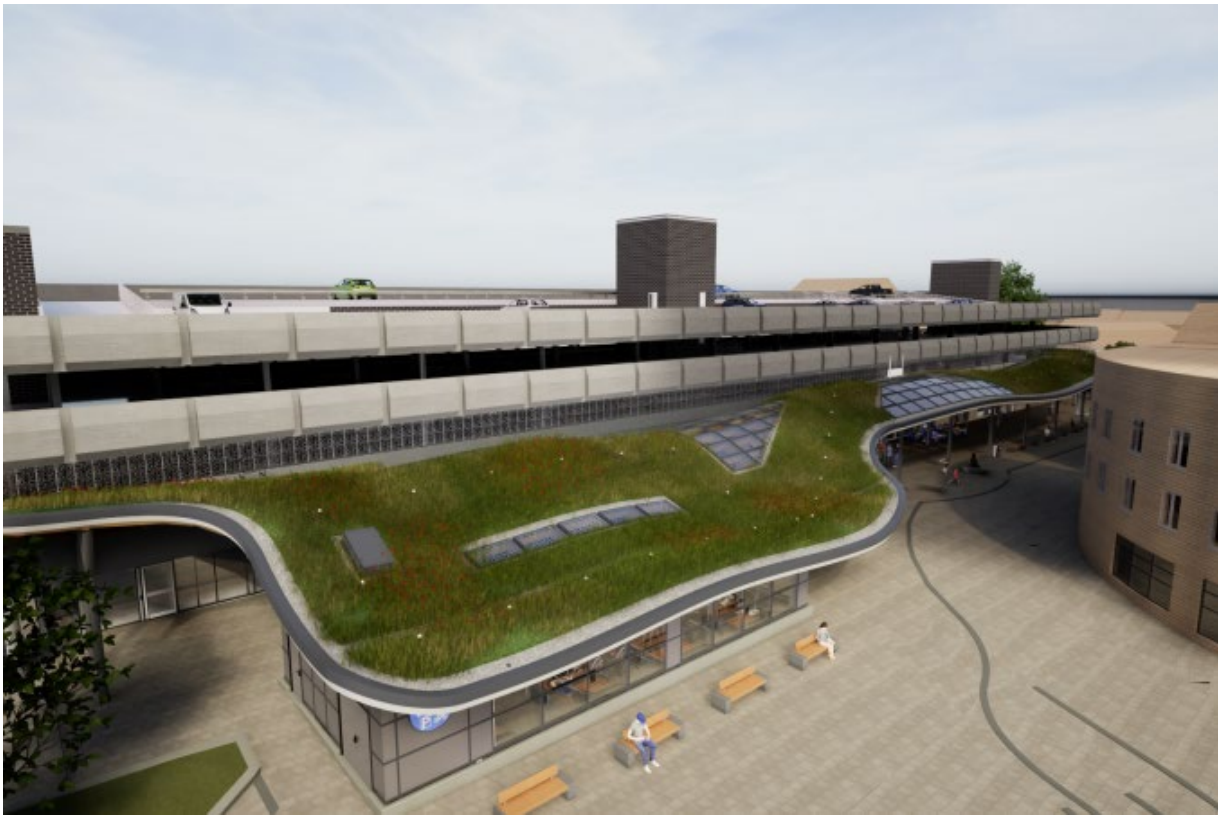

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1.0 Introduction

This statement has been produced to support a planning application for a proposed redevelopment of Huddersfield Bus Station, incorporating a new timber canopy to the east elevation of the existing bus station and multi-storey car park.

The proposed curving timber canopy aims to enhance the appearance of the bus station and provide sheltered accessible public realm at the entrance. A new cycle parking hub is proposed beneath the canopy, alongside replacement of the shop front curtain walls along the main façade of the building. The canopy will feature glazed PV roof windows, that improve the overall energy efficiency of the building while allowing light to penetrate the canopy, as well as a sedum roof.

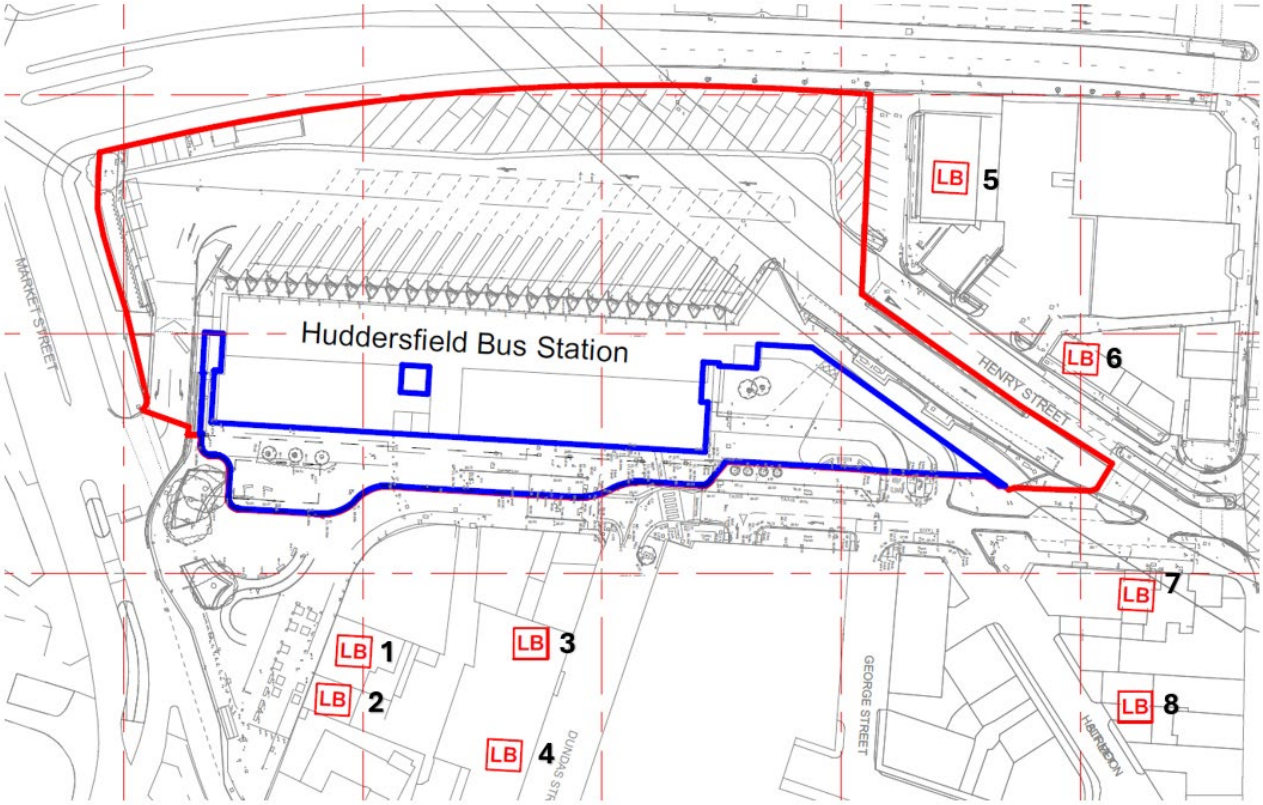
The full details of the proposed works can be found within the drawings and documents which accompany this application.

2.0 Heritage

There are a number of listed buildings within the setting of the proposed bus station works, as follows:

1. Plumber's Arms, Macaulay Street,
2. No. 4, Macaulay Street.
3. Nos 5-9, Dundas Street
4. No. 11, Dundas Street.
5. The Old Warehouse
6. 8, Henry Street
7. 1a, Upper Head Row
8. 2-6, Half Moon Street

The Listing descriptions for these buildings can be found within the appendix to this document.



While none of the above listed buildings will be directly affected by the proposed works to the Bus Station, it is anticipated that the proposed new canopy will have some impact upon the setting of the Listed Buildings.

The public realm area in front of the bus station runs from north of Upperhead Row into Macaulay Square to the south of the site opposite the public house Plumbers Arms. Macaulay Square slopes down (towards the east) adjacent Market Street which meets High Street. There are significant views to the bus station/ multi storey car park from all directions in particular from High Street to the east.

The Plumber's Arms and no. 4 Macauley Street face directly on to Macauley square fronting the bus station and are therefore likely to be the most impacted by the proposed canopy. The Plumbers Arms, on the corner of Macauley Street, uses the outdoor space off Macauley Street for outdoor seating. The two properties are among the only remaining historic buildings in an area otherwise dominated by mid to late 20th Century office buildings, which are of low aesthetic or architectural value – including a 10-storey office block immediately adjacent to no.4. These modern buildings have already degraded the setting of the Listed buildings, with none of the original context of the Listed buildings remaining.

The image below of the former Macaulay Street highlights the loss of historic buildings around the former bus station (in the present-day Macaulay Square area), losing both Granby St and Macaulay Street.

Photoshopped images of historic Macaulay Street on aerial photograph showing the bus station

The situation on Dundas Street is similar, with the original buildings to the north side of the street removed to make way for a modern supermarket building. The existing bus station and multi-storey car park can be seen prominently within the setting of the remaining Listed buildings on Dundas Street, forming the focal point at the end of the street when viewed from the east.

The existing bus station and multi-storey car park building is a 1970's concrete and brick building, which in its current form contributes negatively to the setting of the Listed buildings. The area in front of the Bus Station entrance onto Upperhead Row features an existing canopy that has seen better days and the area around here is understood attract antisocial behaviour, making the bus station and this public realm area somewhere a lot of the public avoid if not needing to travel by bus.

Photo above: View of the bus station southwest elevation from the public realm area, with 4 Macauley Street & The Plumbers Arms visible to the right of the image.

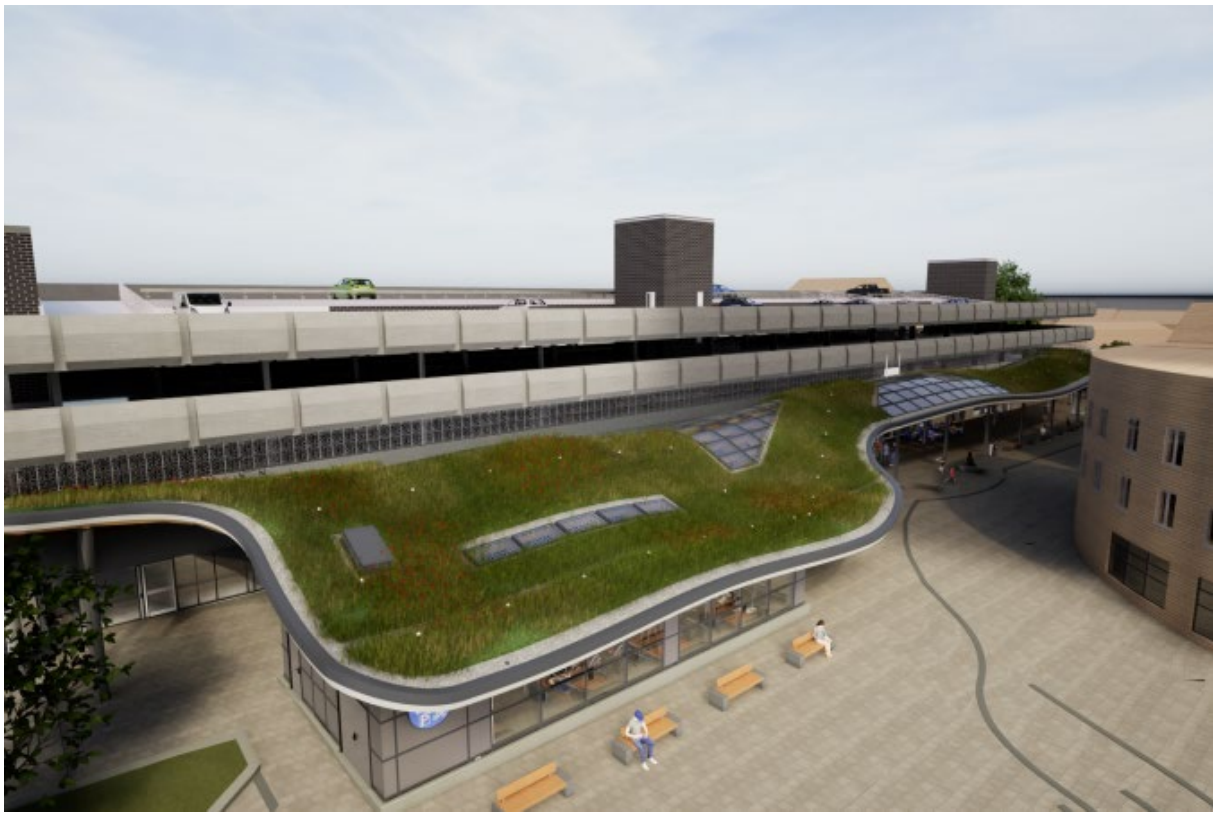
Left: East elevation of the Bus station viewed from Dundas Street. Right: View looking at Bus Station Entrance

3.0 Impact of Proposals

The key design proposals and aspirations of the bus station canopy scheme are to:

- Create a contemporary sheltered structure that forms a gateway to the bus station.
- Provide a rejuvenated public realm area that improves the attractiveness of the area and invites more members of the public to use the bus station.
- Sustainable design approaches to promote biodiversity through the installation of a sedum roof and self-sufficient energy production through the use of solar panel glass.
- Provide a cycle hub to promote the use of non-private motor vehicles, providing a sheltered and secure space to store bikes.
- Provide a screen/ mesh to the car parking levels above the Upperhead Row bus station entrance to prevent public access to the canopy.

Further information on the design proposals can be found in the drawings and documents which accompany this application, including the Landscape Architect's design proposals to enhance the public realm around the bus station.



Above: Proposed new canopy to the Bus Station building.

It is anticipated that the proposed canopy scheme will enhance the overall appearance of the bus station, concealing the multi-storey car park's long grey concrete façade, and contribute to a more attractive public realm in the immediate surroundings of the building. This will in turn contribute to the settings of the Listed Buildings, and therefore have a broadly positive impact upon the heritage assets.

Any harm that might be caused by the proposed canopy building to the settings of the Listed buildings will be outweighed by the public benefit of improved pedestrian and cycle accessibility to the bus station, the overall enhancement in the building's appearance and the improvements in the overall energy efficiency of the bus station.

3.1 Impact of Proposals (Bus Station Refurbishment)

The internal layout of the bus station has been developed in consultation with the Combined Authority and other stakeholders. The redesign of the passenger concourse area will feature a new curtain wall façade along the south and west elevations, along with new concourse seating that aligns with the proposed DIRO arrangement. Shop fronts facing the concourse will have new glazed screens and security shutters. The interior will be completely revamped with new tiled wall and floor finishes and a metal plank curved ceiling system that will run the entire length of the concourse, creating a bright and modern aesthetic. The existing Travel Centre, Security Office, and Drivers' Rest areas will be reconfigured to meet client and stakeholder requirements, ensuring compliance with accessibility standards, and building regulations. Additionally, new wayfinding signage and passenger information display screens will be installed throughout the bus station to further enhance the customer experience.

The exterior wall of the alighting building and a portion of the bus station façade facing Macaulay Square will be rebuilt using natural honed stone, creating a visual connection to nearby Victorian buildings that use locally sourced sandstone. External windows, doors, and curtain walling throughout the bus station will be replaced to improve its visual appeal. The alighting building will also feature dark grey standing seam metal cladding at high level to complement existing heritage assets which have dark slate roofs and traditional standing seam roofs, such as those found along Dundas Street to the east.

To summarise the proposed refurbishment works to bus station will have a negligible impact and no harm will be caused to the surrounding heritage context.

4.0 Conclusion

The proposed new canopy at Huddersfield Bus Station will enhance the appearance of the existing building and the public realm around it, and therefore have a broadly positive impact upon the settings of the nearby Listed Buildings.

The proposed works to Huddersfield Bus Station itself will enhance the appearance of the existing building and the public realm around it, and therefore have a broadly positive impact upon the settings of the nearby Listed Buildings.

Any harm caused to the setting of the Listed Buildings will be outweighed by the public benefits of the proposed canopy and refurbishment of the existing bus station Henry Street entrance.

5.0 Appendix – Listing Descriptions

5.1 4 Macauley Street

	Overview Heritage Category: Listed Building. Grade: II. List Entry Number: 1134948 Date first listed: 29-Sep-1978
	Location Statutory Address: 4, MACAULEY STREET District: Kirklees (Metropolitan Authority). National Grid Reference: SE 14277 16542
	Details 1. 5113 SE 1416 NW 1/881 MACAULEY STREET (North Side) No 4 II 2. Late C18 or early C19. Hammer-dressed stone. Pitched stone slate roof. 3 storeys. Stone brackets to gutter. One range of tripartite stone mullioned sashes, central lintel higher than the other 2. One range of sashes. Door with 4-fielded panels and fanlight. Rear has one range of 3-light stone mullioned sashes with glazing bars and 1 continuous staircase window. Listing NGR: SE1427716542
	Legacy The contents of this record have been generated from a legacy data system. Legacy System number: 340206. Legacy System: LBS.
	Legal This building is listed under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended for its special architectural or historic interest.

5.2 The Plumber's Arms

	Overview Heritage Category: Listed Building. Grade: II. List Entry Number: 1215721 Date first listed: 29-Sep-1978

	Location Statutory Address: THE PLUMBERS ARMS, MACAULAY STREET District: Kirklees (Metropolitan Authority). National Grid Reference: SE 14267 16547
	Details 1. 5113 SE 1416 NW 1/882 MACAULAY STREET (North Side) The Plumbers Arms II 2. Late C18 or early C19. Hammer-dressed stone. Pitched stone slate roof. 3 storeys. Stone brackets to gutter. 2 ranges of tripartite stone mullioned sashes, central lintel higher than the other 2. 2 ranges of sashes. One door with 6 moulded panels and fanlight. Rear has 4-ranges of 3-light stone mullioned casements. Listing NGR: SE1426716547
	Legacy The contents of this record have been generated from a legacy data system. Legacy System number: 340207 Legacy System: LBS.
	Legal This building is listed under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended for its special architectural or historic interest.

5.3 11 Dundas Street (Plantation House)

	Overview Heritage Category: Listed Building. Grade: II. List Entry Number: 1211180 Date first listed: 29-Sep-1978
	Location Statutory Address: PLANTATION HOUSE, 11, DUNDAS STREET District: Kirklees (Metropolitan Authority). National Grid Reference: SE 14267 16584
	Details 1. 5113 SE 1416 NW 1/461 DUNDAS STREET (South Side) No 11 (Plantation House) II 2. Mid C19. Rock-faced rustication ground floor. Hammer-dressed stone above. Ashlar quoins and dressings. Hipped slate roof. 3 storeys. Moulded eaves cornice. 4 ranges of sashes, those on ground floor round-arched with alternating voussoirs vermiculated and continuous moulded impost band. Double doors with moulded panels. Listing NGR: SE1426716584

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	Legal This building is listed under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended for its special architectural or historic interest.

5.4 5-9 Dundas Street

	Overview Heritage Category: Listed Building. Grade: II. List Entry Number: 1134284 Date first listed: 29-Sep-1978
	Location Statutory Address: 5-9 Dundas Street District: Kirklees (Metropolitan Authority). National Grid Reference: SE 14288 16581
	Details SE 1416 NW 1/460 DUNDAS STREET (South Side) Nos 5 to 9 (odd) II Mid C19. Rock-faced rustication with ashlar quoins and dressings. Pitched slate roof. Three storeys. Moulded eaves cornice. Ten ranges of sashes, segment-headed on second floor, with moulded surrounds on first floor, and round arched with vermiculated voussoirs and continuous moulded impost band on ground floor. Ground floor windows have sunk ashlar aprons. Semi-basement with segment-headed windows. Double doors to Nos 7 and 9 with moulded panels. Listing NGR: SE1428816581
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	Legal This building is listed under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended for its special architectural or historic interest.

5.5 The Old Warehouse

	Overview Heritage Category: Listed Building. Grade: II. List Entry Number: 1134195 Date first listed: 29-Sep-1978
	Location Statutory Address: The Old Warehouse, Henry Street District: Kirklees (Metropolitan Authority). National Grid Reference: SE1416516672
	Details 5113 SE 1416 NW 1/658 Henry Street The Old Warehouse II Early C19. Ashlar. Pitched stone slate roof. 3 storeys. Moulded eaves cornice. Continuous sill band to 1st floor. Ground floor rusticated. 7 ranges of sashes with glazing bars, those on ground floor round-arched with sunk and moulded aprons. Double-doors with 4 moulded panels and semi-circular fanlight. Cast iron railings to area with spear and gadrooned finials. Rear is hammer-dressed stone and has 6 ranges of sashes with glazing bars and one range of planked loading doors with winch hoist. Listing NGR: SE 14165 16672
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	Legal This building is listed under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended for its special architectural or historic interest.

5.6 8, Henry Street

	Overview Heritage Category: Listed Building. Grade: II. List Entry Number: 1213197 Date first listed: 28-Sep-1978
	Location Statutory Address: 8, Henry Street District: Kirklees (Metropolitan Authority). National Grid Reference: SE 14205 16703

	Details HENRY STREET 1. 5113 No 8 SE 1416 NW 1/657 II 2. Probably mid C19. Hammer-dressed stone. Pitched slate roof. 2 storeys. Parapet. Stringcourse. 5 arched windows on ground floor, with concentric relieving arches, keystones and continuous impost band; blind up to impost level, thereafter tympana glazed. 5 oblong panels above these, 3 blind, 2 with modern windows, separated by pilasters. Listing NGR: SE1420516703
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5.7 1a, Upper Head Row

	Overview Heritage Category: Listed Building. Grade: II. List Entry Number: 1267254 Date first listed: 28-Sep-1978
	Location Statutory Address: 1a, Upper Head Row District: Kirklees (Metropolitan Authority). National Grid Reference: SE 14260 16711
	Details UPPER HEAD ROW 1. 5113 No 1A SE 1416 NW 1/1323 II 2. Early C19. Ashlar. Hipped stone slate roof. 3 storeys. Moulded eaves cornice and blocking course. Bands. One range of sashes. Door with oblong fanlight. Listing NGR: SE1426016711
	Legacy The contents of this record have been generated from a legacy data system. Legacy System number: 419293 Legacy System: LBS.
	Legal This building is listed under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended for its special architectural or historic interest.

5.8 2-6, Half Moon Street

	Overview Heritage Category: Listed Building. Grade: II. List Entry Number: 1134217 Date first listed: 28-Sep-1978
	Location Statutory Address: 2-6, Half Moon Street District: Kirklees (Metropolitan Authority). National Grid Reference: SE1427816710
	Details 1. 5113 SE 1416 NW 1/609 HALF MOON STREET Nos 2 to 6 (even) II 2. Early C19. Ashlar. Hipped slate roof. 3 storeys. Stone brackets to gutter. 7 ranges of sashes and one of panelled loading doors with winch hoist over. Trabeated archway between Nos 4 and 6.. Listing NGR: SE 14278 16710
	Legacy The contents of this record have been generated from a legacy data system. Legacy System number: 339933 Legacy System: LBS.
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