

Huddersfield Railway Station

Listed Building Consent – Design & Access Statement Installation of Help Point Renewals

1 SUMMARY

TransPennine Express Limited trading as the *TransPennine Express (TPE)* is the *Train Operating Company (TOC)*, which owns the current *TransPennine Express Franchise*. As a consequence, TPE leases *Huddersfield Railway Station* for the duration of the franchise term from *Network Rail (NR)* who own the freehold. TPE is committed to enhancing information available to all those using or meeting trains on the TransPennine Express Franchise network.

Listed Building Consent is sought for the renewal of the existing five Help Points at *Huddersfield Railway Station*, with state-of-the-art technology to replace the existing equipment which is towards the end of its life-cycle. Listed Building Consent is also sought for the installation of two further Help Points. Similar enhancements to station Help Points are being made throughout the TransPennine Express Franchise network.

2 JUSTIFICATION FOR THE APPLICATION

A TransPennine Express Franchise obligation is for the incumbent *Train Operating Company (TOC)* to enhance the information available to all those using or meeting trains on the TransPennine Express Franchise network. The proposed works are required to discharge this obligation. The replacement Help Points proposed are of contemporary design, but will not have an increased impact on the heritage of *Huddersfield Railway Station* visually.

Additional benefits include lower operational and maintenance costs.

3 METHOD STATEMENTS OF FIXINGS, CONTAINMENT AND CONDUIT

3.1 Station Location Plan

HUD-TPE-ISC-PLAN-100000-T910_P17 Layout 1 of 1 is the Station Location Plan showing the area owned by Network Rail.

3.2 Existing Help Points

Drawing *HUD-TPE-ISC-PLAN-100000-Y642_P17 Layout 1 of 12 – Existing Equipment* shows the location of existing Help Points identified within the scope of the Listed Building Consent sought.

3.3 Help Points to be Replaced

The Help Points to be replaced are in the same position as existing equipment. They are direct replacements, but may have different fixings. As a consequence, drawing *HUD-TPE-ISC-PLAN-100000-Y642_P17 Layout 2 of 12 – Help Points to be Replaced* shows the location of the existing Help Points to be replaced.

3.4 Help Points to be Recovered

Drawing *HUD-TPE-ISC-PLAN-100000-Y642_P17 Layout 3 of 12 – Help Points to be Recovered* is included for completeness, but has no direct relevance to the application.

3.5 Help Points to be Enhanced

The seven Help Points within the scope of the Listed Building Consent sought are new state-of-the-art technology. As a consequence, drawing *HUD-TPE-ISC-PLAN-100000-Y641_P17 Layout 4 of 12 – Help Points to be Enhanced* is included for completeness, but has no direct relevance to the application.

3.6 New Help Points

Drawing *HUD-TPE-ISC-PLAN-100000-Y642_P17 Layout 5 of 12 – New Equipment* shows the location of the new Help Points to be installed.

3.7 Help Point Perspective Views

Drawing *HUD-TPE-ISC-PLAN-100000-Y642_P17-Layouts 6 to 12 of 12 – Help Points Perspective Views* present views of the Help Points with photomontages of the existing condition and after the proposed works have been completed.

3.8 Posts and Fixings

The existing posts and fixings of the Help Points will be cleaned, painted, and re-used wherever practical. However, should new posts or fixings be required, these are shown as engineering details corresponding to the perspective views on drawing *HUD-TPE-ISC-PLAN-100000-Y642_P17-Layouts 6 to 12 of 12*.

Where new fixings are required and the existing fabric of the building has already been penetrated, damage to masonry will be first made good to a high standard by a qualified mason before the installation of new equipment commences. New holes will then be made to accommodate revised fixings in the face of the blockwork avoiding damage to the edges of the blocks themselves and disturbing the mortar.

3.9 Containment and Conduit

Existing containment and conduit of the Help Points will be re-used wherever practical. Where appropriate existing conduit and containment will be repositioned to make the lowest visual impact. All containment and conduit will be cleaned and painted to match the existing structure in consultation with the Conservation Officer.

A principal conservation design objective is the unobtrusive introduction of any new containment and conduit that is necessary to protect the data and electrical infrastructure supporting the new Help Points. As a consequence, a commitment is given that:

- (i) only new containment and conduit that is essential (and for which specific consent has been sought) will be introduced and painted to be unobtrusive against the existing structure as appropriate
- (ii) otherwise only pre-existing containment that has been '*authorised*' will be used
- (iii) legacy damage from any removals including containment will be made good to a high standard by a qualified mason.

It is recognised that the cumulative effect of unauthorised piecemeal containment and conduit is detrimental to the heritage status of *Huddersfield Railway Station*.

4 POTENTIAL ACCESS ISSUES

The purpose of the project is to enhance information available to customers in order to increase the sense of reassurance and security of travelling by train. The proposed Help Points connect directly to call centres by two dedicated ‘*call buttons*’. The first call button will connect to a operator, who is able to provide train running information. The second call button is intended for use in an emergency to summon assistance as appropriate.

There is step-free level access available through the main station building to the trains.

5 DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT COMPLIANCE

All new equipment and associated signage will be compliant with the provisions of the Equality Act 2020, inclusive of the needs of all members of the public using or meeting trains at **Huddersfield Railway Station**. The Help Point operating buttons will be in the range 750 – 1,200 mm from the ground for ease of access by people in wheelchairs.

Signed: _____ Dated: 20AUG2025

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