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:	2026/44/90662/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 condition 5 (noise and vibration management plan) and CoCP part A -working hours of the Deemed Planning Permission granted by the Department for Transport in relation to The Network Rail Huddersfield to Westtown (Dewsbury) Improvements Order 2022
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: 08-Apr-2026

Application: 2026/90662

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Proposal: Discharge of condition 5 (noise and vibration management plan) and CoCP part A -working hours of the Deemed Planning Permission granted by the Department for Transport in relation to The Network Rail Huddersfield to Westtown (Dewsbury) Improvements Order 2022

Condition 5 (Code of Construction Practice)

a) No stage of the development (including preliminary works) is to commence until a Code of Construction Practice (CoCP) Part B for that stage, including the relevant plans and programmes referred to in (b) below (which incorporates the means to mitigate the construction impacts identified by the Environmental Statement), has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. For the avoidance of doubt this does not include approval for Part A of the CoCP (a general overview and framework of environmental principles and management practice to be applied to the scheme along with all construction-led mitigation identified in the Environmental Statement) which has been submitted as part of the Order.

b) Part B of the CoCP (as defined in the Environmental Statement: Volume 3, Appendix 2-1 Code of Construction Practice (Part A), Section 1.2.5) must include the following plans and programmes, for each stage as defined in condition 3:-

i) An external communications programme;

ii) A pollution prevention and incident control plan;

iii) A waste management plan;

iv) A materials management plan including a separate soils mitigation plan;

v) A nuisance management plan concerning dust, wheel wash measures, air pollution and temporary lighting;

vi) A noise and vibration management plan including a construction methodology assessment;

vii) Details of the precise measures put in place to protect the Hillhouses listed coal chutes during the construction phase.

viii) Details of the measures to be put in place to mitigate the impacts on the Huddersfield Town Centre Conservation Area during the construction phase at Huddersfield Station and Huddersfield Viaduct;

ix) A demolition methodology statement for relevant buildings; and

x) An Environmental Design Plan (EDP) (Land Contamination and Hydrogeology) setting out the environmental requirements during the detailed design stage.

The development must be implemented in accordance with the approved CoCP and the relevant plans or programmes unless otherwise

agreed in writing with the local planning authority shall be implemented in full throughout the period of the works.
***Reason**: To mitigate expected construction impacts arising from the development and to protect local and residential amenity and to ensure the development is carried out in accordance with Kirklees Local Plan policies LP51 and 52.*

Amended hours request Weaving Lane, Ravensthorpe

Background

Following the issue of a decision (12/09/2024) which discharged details of standard working hours to satisfy condition 5 under 2023/91990, the applicant has subsequently submitted written correspondence requesting a variation of the working hours for works under Stage 6.

The following report will address the request to extend the working hours at Weaving Lane, Ravensthorpe.

Documents Submitted

- Letter from Network Rail dated 9 March 2026 Reference 151667-TSA-00-TRU-REP-W-EN-900115 titled "The Network Rail (Huddersfield to Westtown (Dewsbury) Improvements) Order 2022 Code of Construction Practice Part A: Request to vary standard working hours near Weaving Lane, Ravensthorpe

Proposal

Network Rail state the following:

As part of the TransPennine Route upgrade, the Alliance Civils team will carry out essential earthworks near Weaving Lane to facilitate installation of new fast lines in that area. The majority of the works have and will continue to be undertaken during agreed normal working hours. However, the following element of essential works will need to be undertaken, outside of the currently agreed working hours:

1. *Tensar earth-retaining wall works – Bench-excavating the existing embankment (300mm x 300mm benches) and filling W17 and W18 wall footprints to level with suitable material, compacted in 125mm layers using 18T roller, with geomembrane placed to level in accordance with the drawing and specification.*
2. *Mining mitigation platform works – Excavating 375mm using a 20T excavator and placing 375mm of 6F5 material in 150mm layers, compacted with 10 passes of an 18T roller.*
3. *Kerb installation – Lifting robust kerbs into position on top of the wall structure, including the required surface preparation comprising a 75mm blinding layer.*

The requested extended hours are:

> *We request approval for extended daytime weekend working hours, as follows:*
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> - *Saturday: 13:00 to 18:00*
> - *Sunday: 08:00 to 18:00*
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> *The extended hours would apply until end of March 2027. No nighttime working is proposed.*

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

> *The Alliance has engaged a noise consultant to carry out a formal Noise and Vibration (N&V) Assessment (Doc Ref: 151667-TSA-00-TRU-REP-W-EN-900107) to evaluate potential impacts from the proposed extended working hours. The N&V assessment indicates that Significant Observed Adverse Effect Level (SOAEL) will* ***not*** *be exceeded at nearby NSRs during weekday or weekend works, either individually or cumulatively. The works would therefore not lead to a requirement for noise insulation or temporary rehousing at any nearby receptors.*
>
> *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.*

Consultation Responses

KC Environmental Health, via email exchange dated 02/04/2026:

> *The proposal is to vary the standard working hours in relation to works Weaving Lane, Ravensthorpe. The request is to extend the working hours, seven days a week, as follows:*
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> - *Saturday: 13:00 to 08:00*
> - *Sunday: 08:00 to 18:00*
>
> *The extended hours would apply until end of March 2027. No nighttime working is proposed.*
>
> *A Technical Note has been submitted dated 12 February 2026 which considers the activity 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. The predicted noise and vibration levels are given in tables 7 and 8 and show there to be no exceedance values at either of the NSRs.*
>
> *There is no objection to the variation.*

K.C Highways confirmed via verbal discussion:

The proposed works do not impact a Highway; therefore, Officers consider that a consultation was not required.

Assessment

Network Rail have applied to vary the previously approved standard working hours in relation to specific works in Stage 6.

The proposed works are located within railway land and would not impact the nearby highway. Furthermore, officers and K.C. Environmental Health are satisfied that there would be no material harm to local amenity.

In line with the comments from KC Environmental Health, 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.

Site wide amended hours request

Background

Following the issue of a decision which discharged details of standard working hours to satisfy condition 5 under 2023/91990, the applicant has subsequently submitted written correspondence requesting a variation of the working hours for works under Stage 6.

The request for site wide amended hours was approved on 19/03/2026 under application 2023/91990. Following this decision it has been advised that due to an error within their submission, this decision relates only to stage 6 works.

A new request is submitted for the approved amended working hours for stages 2, 3, 4 and 5. For reference the construction programme for the TWAO covers route section 'W3' which has eight individual stages as follows:

- Stage 0 – Agreement of individual Phases
- Stage 1 – Early works within the Ravensthorpe Area and scheme wide vegetation clearance
- Stage 2 – Scheme wide compound set up
- Stage 3 – Mining Remediation
- Stage 4 – Huddersfield Station and Viaduct
- Stage 5 - Main Construction Phase – Rail systems
- Stage 6 – Main Construction Phase – civils
- Stage 7 – Obsolete (Utilities - now in stage 6)
- Stage 8 – Environmental Mitigation – To be submitted

Documents Submitted

- Letter from Network Rail dated 19 March 2026 Reference 151667-TSA-00-TRU-REP-W-EN-900147 titled "The Network Rail (Huddersfield to

Westtown (Dewsbury) Improvements) Order 2022 Code of Construction Practice Part A: Request to vary standard working hours across W3 (stages 2, 3, 4 and 5)

Proposal

Network Rail state the following:

In compliance with Section 3.1.3 of the Code of Construction Practice Part A, Network Rail is submitting this request to vary the standard working hours for works across the TWAO footprint.

Whilst 24/7 is permitted for any works which are carried out on the railway (under possession/blockade); the current working hours for predominantly major civils and other works supporting these works are proving very restrictive when factored against immovable railway possession dates.

Network Rail has made numerous applications to extend working hours at various locations in order to maintain programme delivery and complete critical works, this need will likely continue for the remainder of the project. Therefore, Network Rail is requesting approval to extend working hours across the footprint of the TWAO scheme area under two specific items (Huddersfield to Westtown) as discussed at a meeting held between Kirklees Council and Network Rail on 24/06/2025.

The requested extended hours are:

Day	***Current/approved working hours***	***Proposed working hours***
Monday to Friday	*8am to 6pm (with half an hour either side of these times for site set up and organising/cleaning the site)*	*7am to 7pm (with half an hour either side of these times for site set up and organising/cleaning the site)*
Saturday	*8am to 1pm (with half an hour either side of these times for site set up and organising/cleaning the site)*	*7am to 7pm (with half an hour either side of these times for site set up and organising/cleaning the site)*
Sunday	*No working*	*No working*

The revised hours are requested from 02/04/2026 to 31/12/2028

The applicant has submitted the following proposal should a request for amended hours be required outside of the proposed hours detailed above:

Should working be required outside of these revised standard hours then the following process will be followed as discussed:

- *Network Rail (NR) to formally notify Kirklees Council Planning Team of the dates and times of works – this notification would be issued at a minimum 14 days in advance of the works starting*
- *Network Rail will liaise with the Highways Management Group to identify if the relevant request to extend working hours is acceptable to the traffic management controls or restriction in the relevant area.*
- *An assessment of noise and vibration impacts will be carried out by the project (for internal use) to ensure compliance with the NVMP and other relevant standards*
- *A copy of the noise and vibration assessment will be submitted to the Local Planning Authority, for their records, prior to the works commencing*
- *NR will inform Kirklees Council, if the results of the assessment demonstrate that noise insulation regulations (NIR) are triggered and will keep the council informed of progress in completing the NIR process if eligibility is confirmed.*
- *NR will notify local residents and businesses of the proposals. The notification will be in line with the approved communications plan for TRU i.e. a minimum of 14 days in advance of works. Notifications are issued to residents within 200m of the works (500m if works entail piling).*

For your information, the process as outlined above included in all future versions of the Code of Construction Practice Part A as part of the TWAO applications including the W2C scheme in the Kirklees area to be submitted late in 2026. This will be known as "Standard variable hours" and reflects the potential need to accelerate planned works whilst managing the environmental impacts of doing so without needing to seek consent for variation from yourselves.

Consultation Responses

KC Environmental Health, comments dated 26/01/2026 (agreement to use previous comments for site wide extension for hours request under decision 2023/91990):

Network Rail have submitted a letter dated 17 December 2025 ref 51667-TSA-00-TRU-REP-W-EN-900060 seeking to vary the TRU scheme working hours from 02 February 2026 to 31 December 2028. In line with our permitted construction hours, the current times are –

- *Mon to Fri - 0800hrs to 1800hrs*
- *Saturday - 0800hrs to 1300hrs*
- *Sunday - No working*

The proposal is for –

- *Mon to Saturday - 0700hrs to 1900hrs*

- *Sunday - No working*

Their reasoning is based upon having made numerous applications to extend working hours at various locations in order to maintain programme delivery and complete critical works. This need will likely continue for the remainder of the project and therefore, Network Rail have requested approval to extend working hours across the footprint of the current TWAO Scheme area.

Based upon the above, we have no objection to the proposal 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.

K.C Highways, email dated 11/03/2026 (agreement to use previous comments for site wide extension for hours request under decision 2023/91990):

A request has been received – Letter ref. 151667-TSA-00-TRU-REP-W-EN-900060, Dated 17 December 2025, to vary standard working hours across the TWAO footprint

The current approved working hours and the proposed requested working hours are set out in the table below. The revised hours are requested from 2 February 2026 to 31 December 2028.

The requested extended working hours effectively add an additional hour at the start and finish of the current working day. Both extended periods (7am to 8am and 6pm to 7pm) are outside of the accepted recognised weekday peak periods and in terms of traffic generation, it is considered that the proposed extended working hours would not have an unacceptable impact on the safety or operation of the highway network and from a highway perspective would be acceptable.

HDM have no objection to the proposed extended working hours.

Assessment

Network Rail have applied to vary the previously approved standard working hours of the W3 Scheme area for phases 2, 3, 4 and 5.

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 specific works and specified time periods, as detailed in the letters by Network Rail, be accepted.

Recommendation: Approve details

Report Dated: 02/04/2026

Recommended Decision Notice Text

Condition 5 Code of Construction Practice

Request from Network Rail to vary working hours at Weaving Lane, Ravensthorpe

The following document has been submitted:

- Letter from Network Rail dated 9 March 2026 Reference 151667-TSA-00-TRU-REP-W-EN-900115 titled "The Network Rail (Huddersfield to Westtown (Dewsbury) Improvements) Order 2022 Code of Construction Practice Part A: Request to vary standard working hours at Weaving Lane, Ravensthorpe.

You have submitted the above documents in relation to a proposed variation to the approved standard working hours pursuant to the requirements of condition 5 (Code of Construction Practice), Stage 6. 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.

You are advised the standard working hours otherwise apply to all other works in Stage 6 which are not expressly listed in these documents.

Request from Network Rail to vary the working hours site wide

The following document has been submitted:

- Letter from Network Rail dated 19 March 2026 Reference 151667-TSA-00-TRU-REP-W-EN-900147 titled "The Network Rail (Huddersfield to Westtown (Dewsbury) Improvements) Order 2022 Code of Construction Practice Part A: Request to vary standard working hours across W3 (Stages 2, 3, 4 and 5)

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), Stages 2, 3, 4 and 5.

The document details a request from Network Rail to vary the standard working hours for the W3 scheme area detailed below:

- *Monday to Saturday - 0700hrs to 1900hrs*
- *Sunday - No working*

The revised hours are requested from 09/02/2026 to 31/12/2028.

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 2, 3, 4 and 5 which are not expressly listed in these documents / the above table.

Day	***Current/approved working hours***	***Proposed working hours***
Monday to Friday	*8am to 6pm (with half an hour either side of these times for site set up and organising /cleaning of the site)*	*7am to 7pm (with half an hour either side of these times for site set up and organising /cleaning of the site)*
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Sunday	*No Working*	*No Working*