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Application number: 2022/92438	
What is the application for?:	Discharge of conditions 20 (Biodiversity Net Gain strategy), 22 (coal chute prot
Address of the site or building:	Operational railway land, Hillhouses Yard, Alder Street, Huddersfield
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<p>On behalf of Huddersfield Civic Society (HCS).</p> <p>HCS notes that Network Rail is requesting discharge of condition 22 intended to protect a listed set of historic coal chutes - still largely intact and with much original operating mechanism still in place - from damage during several years of industrial operation on the adjoining site by having erected a short section of 2.4m high steel palisade fencing.</p> <p>HCS contends that, whilst helpful, this fencing alone is by woefully inadequate as a means of protecting a valuable set of historic structures. HCS is not aware of any more complete remaining coal chutes anywhere in the UK and notes that a much smaller - and far less complete - set of chutes in Halifax, which are now separate from any surviving rail infrastructure, has recently been afforded more maintenance with a view to long-term preservation by public authorities.</p> <p>HCS asks that, before condition 22 is discharged:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A survey of the current state of all the coal drops is undertaken by a competent professional authority• Basic restorative maintenance of all the drops (especially removal of trees and roots currently causing local deterioration) is undertaken during the coming months• Regular checks on the drops are scheduled for the full construction and operation period of this site with full restitution required in the event of any damage being found. <p>HCS sees the long-term preservation of the coal drops, adjoining tramway and other historic remains as a valuable adjunct to long-term use of this site long after the TRU project completes. By the 2030s employees, residents and visitors to the area should be able to see Huddersfield's historic rail story at this site from Victorian/Edwardian industry through to the modern railway.</p>	