

DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY STATEMENT

I.1 Retrospective planning permission is sought for:

“The retention of external bar, tipi, toilet block and pergola and the laying of paving and associated works”

at the Eagle & Child, 3 Whalley Road, Ramsbottom, BL0 0DL.

I.2 Appendix I of the Places for Everyone (PfE) Validation Checklist¹ states that a Digital Connectivity Statement is required for:

- All new buildings – minor and major developments; and
- All change of use applications – minor and major developments.

I.3 The external bar, tipi and toilet block, as proposed, are not buildings. The proposed development is also not for a change of use. The proposed development does not therefore fall into any of the above categories, and a Digital Connectivity Statement should not be required.

I.4 Notwithstanding the above, the application site, comprising the pub / restaurant garden, is served by Wi-Fi from the premises. Customers are able to access the internet for free via their devices on site.

¹ <https://www.bury.gov.uk/asset-library/places-for-everyone-validation-checklist.pdf>

