

Digital Connectivity Statement - 37 Park Street, Prestwich, Manchester, M25 1EU

Policy JP-C2: Digital Connectivity

This statement has been prepared in response to the Local Planning Authority's request for additional information regarding compliance with Policy JP-C2 of the Places for Everyone Joint Development Plan.

Whilst Policy JP-C2 principally applies to new development, the following information has been provided to assist the Local Planning Authority in its assessment of this application.

The proposal comprises the **change of use of an existing dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) to a small House in Multiple Occupation (Use Class C4)** accommodating a maximum of five residents. The proposal does not involve the construction of a new building or any external alterations that would affect the property's existing utility infrastructure.

The existing dwelling benefits from an established telecommunications connection and is capable of receiving broadband services. As part of the refurbishment and occupation of the property, operational internet connectivity will be provided for future residents.

Where Full Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) infrastructure is available within the local network, the property will utilise or be connected to this service through the existing telecommunications infrastructure. Should a full fibre connection not already be available at the property, the proposal does not prejudice its future installation, and the existing building can be connected when such infrastructure is provided by the relevant telecommunications network operator.

As the proposal relates solely to the re-use of an existing residential building, there are no technical constraints introduced by the development that would prevent the installation or use of full fibre broadband services. No new physical infrastructure is required as part of the planning application, and no aspect of the proposal would inhibit future digital connectivity improvements.

Accordingly, the proposal supports the objectives of Policy JP-C2 by ensuring that future occupiers will have access to operational broadband services and, where available, Full Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) connections, thereby promoting high-quality digital connectivity within an existing residential property.