

Bury Council
Planning Services
3 Knowsley Place
Duke Street
Bury
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Our ref: TRA/21/119

Your ref: 66745

12th April 2021

Dear Sir / Madam,

Application Number: **66745**

Location: **Buckley Wells Locomotive Depot, Baron Street, Bury, BL9 0TY**

Proposals: **Development of the ELR's historic locomotive and carriage works site including repair and restoration of the 1857 locomotive work building, the construction of new locomotive running shed, incorporation of associated new workshops and training facilities and construction of a standalone carriage shed.**

Thank you for consulting Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) on the above planning applications. The following comments are offered as advice on transport issues for you to balance against other factors in determining the application and are made in the context of TfGM's role in the planning process, as set out in the footnote below.¹

Background

The proposed development is for the extension of the East Lancashire Railway Locomotive Depot to include new sheds for catering, locomotion restoration, storage works and training facilities.

¹TfGM does not have any planning powers and is not a statutory consultee in the planning process. The purpose of the advice offered is to suggest the best way to improve land use / transport integration through the development proposals. Advice is based on the information provided by the applicant, and it is not TfGM's role to undertake detailed verification unless specifically commissioned to do so.

²TfGM control and manage the traffic signals in Greater Manchester, as such any schemes that alter signalised junctions need to be agreed with TfGM. Additionally, where developments impact on signalised junctions, TfGM have a duty of care to ensure that these impacts are satisfactorily mitigated as part of the planning process.

Highways Overview

TfGM HFAS (Highways Analytical Forecasting Service) and UTC (Urban Traffic Control) have reviewed the revised information submitted in support of the proposed application and have made the following comments:

Trip Generation

The TS states that the extra number of personnel will not have an impact but TfGM note that the car park spaces are up to 120 therefore it is not clear if the extra visits will be considerable or not. TfGM would suggest that further evidence is provided in terms of peak hour travel.

Site Sustainability

It is TfGM's view that the supplied evidence is not sufficient to show the future and current sustainability of the site. A simple list of sites within 2km is not acceptable – e.g. A pharmacy is listed as 160m away yet no explanation to why this is at all relevant is given. This also applies to cycling accessibility. TfGM recommends further analysis and evidence is provided and the TA updated to reflect this.

Yours faithfully,

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