

Digital Connectivity Statement

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Background

- 1.1 This digital connectivity statement forms part of a full planning application in relation to the over cladding of an existing mono pitched asbestos roof to the rear of the building and replacement of the existing slated roof slopes to the front of the building.
- 1.2 Bury Council have since adopted The Places for Everyone (PfE) joint development plan in March 2024 and as such further information is required to comply. One such statement relates to the digital connectivity of the proposed development.

Policy

- 2.1 Place for everyone (PfE) is a joint DPD covering 9 of Greater Manchester's districts including Bury. This special plan allows the district to continue to progress the strategic policies set out in Greater Manchester Spatial Framework 2020. Maximise the use of sustainable urban/brown field land and align with the wider Greater Manchester strategies connecting each district and creating a cohesive community across Greater Manchester.
- 2.2 Policy JP-C2: Digital Connectivity within the PfE states the following '*We support the provision of affordable, high quality, digital infrastructure. In making decisions we will support a range of measures, including: Requiring all new development to have full fibre to premises connections, unless technically infeasible and/or unviable, and to incorporate multiple ducting compliant with telecoms standards, to facilitate future-proof gigabit capable network connections. It is expected that internet connections will be operational and immediately accessible to network providers when occupiers move into new properties*'.

The Proposals

- 3.1 The site is located off Wood Street, Bury with good connection to the local area.
- 3.2 Checks on Openreach's website ([Fibre Checker \(openreach.com\)](https://www.openreach.com)) indicate that Full Fibre Broadband is available for the site with download speeds of up to 1600Mbps and upload speeds of 115Mbps.
- 3.3 Ultrafast Full Fibre is a direct fibre connection from Openreach's exchange straight into homes or business using fibre optic cable that use light instead of electric

signals. This allows them to be durable, weather resistant with data travelling through them at almost lightspeed.

- 3.4 The application site is already connected into this Full Fibre Broadband in compliance with telecom standards, to facilitate the longevity of these digital connections for the benefit of the business