

Digital Connectivity Statement

In Support of Planning Application for
1 and 3 Haslam Street, Bury, BL9 6EQ

Proposal: Change of use from 2 no. Class E units to 8 bedrooms House in Multiple Occupation (Class Sui Generis) together with alteration to front elevations and change of roof style from hip to gable.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Digital Connectivity Statement has been prepared in support of the proposed change of use from two existing Class E commercial units to an 8-bedroom House in Multiple Occupation (HMO) (Sui Generis), together with associated external alterations. The statement demonstrates compliance with Places for Everyone Policy JP-C2 (Digital Connectivity).

2. EXISTING DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE

- 2.1 The application site comprises an existing, previously occupied commercial building located within an established urban area of Bury. As a former Class E use, the premises already benefits from established digital infrastructure, including fixed-line telecommunications connections and access to high-speed broadband services. No new primary digital infrastructure is therefore required to support the proposed residential use.

3. PROPOSED DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY PROVISION

- 3.1 The proposed change of use will continue to utilise the existing digital infrastructure serving the building. The internal layout will allow for the distribution of broadband connectivity to individual bedrooms and communal areas, supporting the needs of multiple occupants. The building is capable of accommodating high-speed broadband connections, including fibre-based services, subject to provider availability, without requiring external alterations to the building fabric.

4. COMPLIANCE WITH POLICY JP-C2

- 4.1 Policy JP-C2 requires development to provide full fibre connections to premises unless this is demonstrated to be infeasible or unviable. Given that the building already benefits from established telecommunications infrastructure associated with its existing commercial use, the proposal complies with the policy's objectives by reusing and upgrading existing connections where necessary. The reuse of existing services represents a sustainable approach, avoiding unnecessary duplication of infrastructure

while ensuring residents have access to reliable, high-speed digital connectivity suitable for home working, study, and modern living.

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The proposed development at 1 and 3 Haslam Street will benefit from existing digital connectivity infrastructure already serving the site. The change of use does not introduce additional demands that cannot be met by the current provision, and the building is capable of supporting high-speed broadband connections in accordance with Policy JP-C2. The proposal therefore represents a sustainable and policy-compliant approach to digital connectivity.