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4) Attached Information: A written statement setting out the current use of the site/building(s) and the details of the proposed development.

The current use of St John's House in Bury, owned by The Diocese of Manchester, is an unoccupied building, occasionally used as a storage facility for the organisation. The premises has previously housed local authorities such as Citizen's Advice and the Health Watch Association. We propose that this building remains as four floors of office space to serve as the headquarters of The Diocese of Manchester. The proposal also includes the creation of a new ground floor entrance which allows visitors and members of the organisation to enter directly into the ground floor reception and welcome lounge via The Rock rather than through the current entrance on John Street. The current entrance gives direct access to the other floors which has posed a security problem which we propose to eliminate via the new entrance. The new entrance will also be much easier to access from a DDA perspective as there are less internal doors to access reception. The windows will replace the current boarded up areas, giving the building better natural lighting, curb appeal and making the street appear tidier and welcoming.