

Policy JP-C2: Digital Connectivity Statement

Site: Burrs View, Touch Road BL9 5QS

Proposal: Erection of a stable building

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1. Introduction

This statement addresses digital connectivity in relation to the proposed stable building at Burrs View, Touch Road.

2. Nature of Development

The proposal comprises a small-scale, private equestrian building with no residential or commercial floorspace. The building will not function as a workplace, dwelling, or facility requiring continuous digital connectivity.

3. Existing Connectivity

The site is located adjacent to existing residential properties and farm buildings, which are already served by standard telecommunications infrastructure.

The proposal does not prejudice existing connectivity or infrastructure provision.

4. Requirement for Digital Infrastructure

Due to the nature of the development:

- There is no operational requirement for full fibre broadband connection to the stable building.
- The use is limited to animal welfare and storage (stables and tack room).
- Any digital needs (e.g. mobile phone use) can be met via existing mobile networks available in the area.

5. Future Proofing

Notwithstanding the above:

- The development does not prevent the future installation of digital infrastructure should it ever be required.
- The site remains physically accessible for connection to services from nearby networks if necessary.

6. Conclusion

The proposed development:

- Does not generate demand for high-speed digital infrastructure;
- Does not hinder the provision of digital connectivity in the area; and
- Remains capable of future connection if required.

The proposal is therefore compliant with Policy JP-C2: Digital Connectivity, noting that full fibre provision is not necessary or proportionate for this type of development.