

Digital Connectivity Statement

1. Introduction

This Digital Connectivity Statement has been prepared in support of the planning application for the conversion of an existing vacant single-storey laboratory building to office accommodation (Class E) at **217 Tottington Road, Bury**.

The statement sets out how the proposal will support modern digital connectivity requirements in line with national planning policy and the needs of future occupiers.

2. Policy Context

The proposal has regard to the following policy objectives: - **National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)**, which supports the provision of high-quality digital infrastructure to support sustainable economic growth and productivity; - **Bury Local Plan Core Strategy Policy CS1 (Sustainable Development Principles)**, which encourages development that supports economic activity and modern business needs.

3. Existing Digital Infrastructure

The site is located within an established urban area of Bury that benefits from existing telecommunications infrastructure. The proposal involves the re-use of an existing building and does not require the removal or relocation of any existing digital or telecommunications equipment.

4. Proposed Digital Connectivity

The development will be designed to support high-quality digital connectivity appropriate for office use. Measures will include: - Provision of internal ducting and cabling routes to support high-speed broadband connections; - Space for the installation of modern data and communications equipment; - Flexible internal layouts to allow office spaces to be configured to meet occupier requirements; - The ability to connect to existing and future broadband networks, including fibre services, subject to availability.

The proposal will allow future occupiers to select a service provider that best meets their operational needs.

5. Future-Proofing

The design of the building will allow for future upgrades to digital infrastructure as technology evolves. This future-proofing approach supports the long-term viability and adaptability of the office accommodation and ensures the building can respond to changing business requirements over time.

6. Conclusion

This Digital Connectivity Statement demonstrates that the proposal will provide suitable infrastructure to support modern office operations. The re-use of the existing building, combined with flexible and future-proofed digital connectivity arrangements, will ensure the development meets current and future occupier needs and accords with relevant national and local planning policy.

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