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Digital Connectivity Statement

Proposal: Retrospective application for the change of use of existing residential dwelling (C3) to prayer hall (F1(f)) to ground floor and self-contained flat (Class C3(a)) to first floor. Installation of air-conditioning units Revised Scheme.

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This Digital Connectivity Statement has been produced by EA Town Planning Ltd to support a revised retrospective application for the change of use of existing residential dwelling (C3) to prayer hall (F1(f)) to ground floor and self-contained flat (Class C3(a)) to first floor.

This Digital Connectivity Statement has been prepared to address the requirements of The Places for Everyone Joint Development Plan Document, which has now been adopted and forms a part of the development plan for Bury Council. The Document states:

Policy JP-C 2

Digital Connectivity

We support the provision of affordable, high quality, digital infrastructure. Developers are expected to work and share costs with telecoms operators as appropriate to maximise coverage and enable consumers to make informed choices. It is expected that internet connections will work immediately when residents move into new properties.

In making decisions we will support a range of measures, including:

- 1. Enabling the roll-out of latest generation mobile technology and full fibre to the premises connectivity, in a way that maximises coverage whilst protecting townscape quality and ensuring an ability to respond to updated/changing technology;**
- 2. Requiring all new development to have full fibre to premises connections, unless technically infeasible, and to incorporate multiple-ducting compliant with telecoms standards, to facilitate future-proof gigabit-capable network connections; and**

3. Facilitating the provision of free, secure, high speed public wi-fi connections, particularly in the most frequented areas.

This statement details how the proposed development has been designed to provide affordable, high quality digital infrastructure.

The application proposal relates to an existing property. Part 2 of the newly adopted policy, requiring full fibre to premises connection, relates to new development.

Full Fibre

The existing property currently benefits from a full fibre connection. This ensures that the inhabitants of the self-contained flat and users of the synagogue will access high speed internet connections.

Wi-Fi Connections

The development incorporates fast, powerful secure Wi-Fi, which is easily accessible both to the ground floor place of worship and first floor self-contained flat.

Conclusion

This Digital Connectivity Statement sets out how the proposed development meets the requirements of Policy JP C2 and provides the existing uses with high quality digital connectivity.