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Policy JP-C2: Digital Connectivity Statement

PROPOSED CONVERSION OF EXISTING BUILDING FIRST FLOOR AND PART GROUND FLOOR TO CREATE 9NO FLATS, 7NO ONE BEDROOM FLATS & 2NO TWO BEDROOM FLATS INCLUDING OPENING UP EXISTING EXTERNAL OPENINGS AND THE CREATION OF NEW WINDOW AND DOOR OPENINGS ON THE GROUND AND FIRST FLOOR & RETENTION OF EXISTING RETAIL USE ON THE GROUND FLOOR.

Digital Connectivity Statement for the Refurbishment of 121 – 131 Bell Lane, Bury.

Introduction

This statement outlines how the proposed development aligns with Policy JP-C2: Digital Connectivity, as detailed in Bury Council's planning framework. The policy emphasises the importance of integrating high-quality digital infrastructure into new developments to support sustainable growth, economic vitality, and social inclusion.

Compliance with Policy JP-C2: Digital Connectivity

1. Integration of Digital Infrastructure

The proposed development is committed to incorporating advanced digital infrastructure from the outset. This includes the installation of high-speed broadband services where possible and the provision for future upgrades. The design ensures that all residential and commercial units within the development will have direct access to these services, meeting the needs of modern living and working environments.

2. Future-Proofing and Flexibility

In line with Policy JP-C2, the development is designed to be future-proofed, allowing for easy upgrades as digital technologies evolve. Ducting and cabling infrastructure will be installed with sufficient capacity to accommodate future increases in demand and technological advancements without significant disruption to residents or businesses.

3. Promotion of Smart Technologies

The development will support the use of smart technologies to enhance the efficiency and sustainability of the site. This includes smart energy systems, automated home management solutions, and integrated security systems. These technologies will rely on robust digital connectivity, ensuring residents and businesses can benefit from the latest innovations in smart living.

4. Enhancing Digital Inclusion

The project acknowledges the importance of digital inclusion and is designed to ensure that all residents, regardless of income or background, have access to reliable digital services. Affordable broadband options will be made available, ensuring that the entire community can participate in the digital economy and access online services, education, and employment opportunities.

5. Collaboration with Service Providers

To ensure the seamless delivery of digital connectivity, we are collaborating with leading internet service providers and telecommunications companies. These partnerships will facilitate the early installation of digital infrastructure during the construction phase, minimizing disruption and ensuring that services are available from the first day of occupancy.

6. Compliance and Monitoring

Throughout the development process, compliance with Policy JP-C2 will be closely monitored. The project team will regularly review progress against digital connectivity benchmarks and work with Bury Council to ensure that the development meets or exceeds all relevant standards and guidelines.

Conclusion

The proposed development fully complies with Policy JP-C2: Digital Connectivity, ensuring that high-quality, future-proofed digital infrastructure is integral to the project. By embedding robust digital connectivity from the outset, the development supports Bury Council's vision for sustainable, inclusive growth and positions the site as a forward-looking community equipped to meet the demands of the digital age.