



Digital Connectivity Statement

Proposal: Conversion of the first and second floors of an existing building into 6 apartments

Location: 150 Heywood Street, Bury, BL9 7DY

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1. Introduction

This Digital Connectivity Statement has been prepared in support of a planning application for the conversion of the first and second floor of an existing building into 6 self-contained apartments whilst retaining the ground floor as retail units, in line with Policy JP-C2 of the Places for Everyone Joint Development Plan for Greater Manchester – Digital Connectivity. The policy requires that all developments support the provision of affordable, high-quality digital infrastructure, including full fibre-to-the-premises (FTTP) connectivity and operational internet access, unless it can be demonstrated that this is technically infeasible or unviable. The policy promotes high-quality, futureproof digital infrastructure, supporting both residential and economic uses.

2. Provision of Full Fibre Connectivity

As part of the conversion, the applicant will:

- Engage with local internet service providers (ISPs) to determine availability of full fibre-to-the-premises (FTTP) connections at the property.
- Facilitate the installation of FTTP infrastructure where available and viable, ensuring high-speed, future-proof connectivity.
- Where FTTP is not yet available, existing digital infrastructure will be upgraded to the highest feasible standard, such as fibre-to-the-cabinet (FTTC) with planned transition to FTTP as soon as the network permits.
- Each apartment will be provided with a full fibre to the premises (FTTP) connection, ensuring access to high-speed, reliable broadband services.
- Internal infrastructure will be installed as part of the conversion works, including ducting, termination points, and provision for future access and maintenance.
- The apartments will have operational internet connections at the point of occupation, enabling immediate access for residents to digital services.

The retained ground floor retail units will continue to operate independently and will not be adversely affected by the installation or operation of FTTP infrastructure for the residential units above.

3. Conclusion

The proposed conversion fully supports the aims of Policy JP-C2. The new apartments will benefit from full fibre broadband infrastructure, ensuring that the development meets current and future digital connectivity requirements. This investment in high-quality digital infrastructure will enhance the attractiveness and functionality of the development for future residents.