

JP-C2 Digital Connectivity Statement

Site: 422 Bury New Road, Prestwich, Manchester, M25 1BD

Proposal: Change of use from hot food takeaway to restaurant/café, Class E(b)

1. Executive Summary

This statement has been prepared in response to Policy **JP-C2: Digital Connectivity** of the Places for Everyone Joint Development Plan Document.

Policy JP-C2 requires new development to provide full fibre to premises connections, operational internet connections and accessibility for network providers, unless technically infeasible or unviable.

The proposal relates to the change of use of an existing commercial premises to a restaurant/café. The scheme will make suitable provision for modern digital connectivity as part of the internal fit-out and future operation of the premises.

2. Digital Connectivity Provision

The site is located within an established commercial frontage on Bury New Road, within a built-up urban area where telecommunications and broadband infrastructure are available nearby.

The applicant will seek to provide a full fibre broadband connection to the premises where available from local network providers. The internal fit-out will allow suitable routes for broadband, telecommunications cabling and associated equipment.

This will support the day-to-day operation of the restaurant/café, including payment systems, business administration, communication systems and customer-facing digital services where required.

3. Access and Future Connection

Reasonable access will be made available for network providers to install, maintain or upgrade digital infrastructure serving the premises.

No technical constraints are currently anticipated that would prevent the premises from being connected to fibre broadband or equivalent high-speed digital infrastructure.

If full fibre is not immediately available at the time of occupation, the premises will be prepared with suitable internal service routes and accessible connection points to allow future installation when available.

4. Conclusion

The proposal complies with the aims of Policy JP-C2: Digital Connectivity.

The development is located within an established urban area and will make provision for modern broadband and telecommunications services as part of the fit-out. Full fibre connectivity will be provided where available and technically feasible, with the premises designed to allow future connection and access by network providers.