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Dear Sir/Madam,

Replacement of new Passenger Waiting Shelter on the Western Platform at Whaley Bridge Rail Station

I am writing to notify you of Network Rail's intention to undertake works to part-demolish the existing passenger waiting shelter on the western (Manchester-bound) platform at Whaley Bridge Railway Station and replace with a new structure on the existing footprint.

The new shelter will be a significant improvement on the existing in terms of both aesthetics and also passenger waiting facilities/comfort. The new shelter will be constructed from stone salvaged from the existing structure and will feature a pitched roof of reclaimed natural slate. There will be an oak waiting room door and timber sash windows, with cast iron rainwater goods. The proposals initially specified quoins to surround the door, windows and junction of the front/side elevations. However, following discussion with HPBC planning and conservation officers (Jo Brooks and Liz Pleasant) it was agreed to simplify the design by removing the quoins to the openings, leaving those at the elevation junctions.

From a town planning perspective the works at the footbridge are permitted development under Part 11 Class A of Schedule 2 of the Town and County

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Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995. As such works are authorised by a local or private Act of Parliament.

This section of railway was original authorised by the Stockport, Disley and Whaley Bridge Railway Act 1854. The provisions of the Railway Clauses Consolidation Act (RCCA) 1845 were retrospectively made applicable to the lines constructed under the Stockport, Disley and Whaley Bridge Railway Act 1854. The RCCA incorporates powers for the then railway companies and their successors in title (now Network Rail) to undertake future works, not limited to the construction of the railway but also including 'all acts necessary for making, maintaining, altering, or repairing and using the railway'.

Under condition A1 of Part 11, it is necessary for details to be submitted to the LPA for prior approval to the design and siting of the proposed works. It should be noted however, that under Condition A2, the prior approval cannot be refused unless you are satisfied that the development ought to be and could reasonably be carried out elsewhere on the land, or the design or external appearance would injure the amenity of the neighbourhood and is reasonable capable of modification so as to avoid such injury.

I have enclosed existing and proposed plans, a site location plan and a scope of works document, detailing the proposed work for your information. As required under Part 11, I should be grateful to receive the Council's 'prior approval' for the works to the structure. If you wish to discuss the proposed or have any queries or require further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Michael Gradwell
Town Planner