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Dear Sir/Madam,

Application for Prior Approval under Part 18 of the GPDO relating to proposed works to Hostidges' Bridge, Doveholes, Derbyshire.

I am writing to notify you of Network Rail's intention to undertake works to Hostidges' Bridge, at Doveholes, Derbyshire.

The bridge is located on the Buxton and Edgeley Junction Branch BEJ line, approximately 750m Northeast of Doveholes Railway Station. The structure is a single span masonry arched bridge over a non-electrified twin track. The bridge carries a road which connects four private properties (cottages) with the Higher Hallsteads Road.

Repairs are necessary to this bridge to ensure its longevity. Also, the existing bridge parapet requires increasing in height as it is non-compliant with current Network Rail standards.

The description of the proposed development is as follows:

"Prior Approval application for works to Hostidges' Bridge, Doveholes, Derbyshire."

More particularly, the main proposed works comprise:

- Removal of bridge vegetation and treatment against regrowth.
- Installation of a waterproofed structural bridge slab.

- Provision of a paved verge with a defined kerb line (whilst maintaining a minimum
- 3.5m carriageway width).
- Raising of the current parapet to 1.5m in height.
- Carry out full refurbishment of masonry defects of bricked barrel to bridge.

We have submitted a site location plan and drawings detailing the full extent of the works proposed as part of this Part 18 application for Prior Approval (a location plan and photographs of the existing bridge are included at **Appendix 1**, and a full list of the drawings provided is included at **Appendix 2** to this letter).

From a town planning perspective, the works are permitted development under Part 18, Class A (Miscellaneous development - development under local or private Acts or Order) of GPDO.

This section of the railway was authorised and constructed under powers contained in The Stockport, Disley and Whaley Bridge Railway Extension Act 1857 “The Buxton Extension”. The Railway Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 is incorporated with and forms part of this Act.

This Act therefore incorporates powers for the railway companies and their successors in title (now Network Rail) to undertake future works, including those required for the making, maintaining, altering, or repairing and using the railway.

Under Condition A1 of Part 18, it is necessary for details of the proposed works to be submitted to the Local Planning Authority (“LPA”) for prior approval. It should be noted that under Part 18 Condition A2, prior approval is not to be refused unless the LPA is satisfied that:

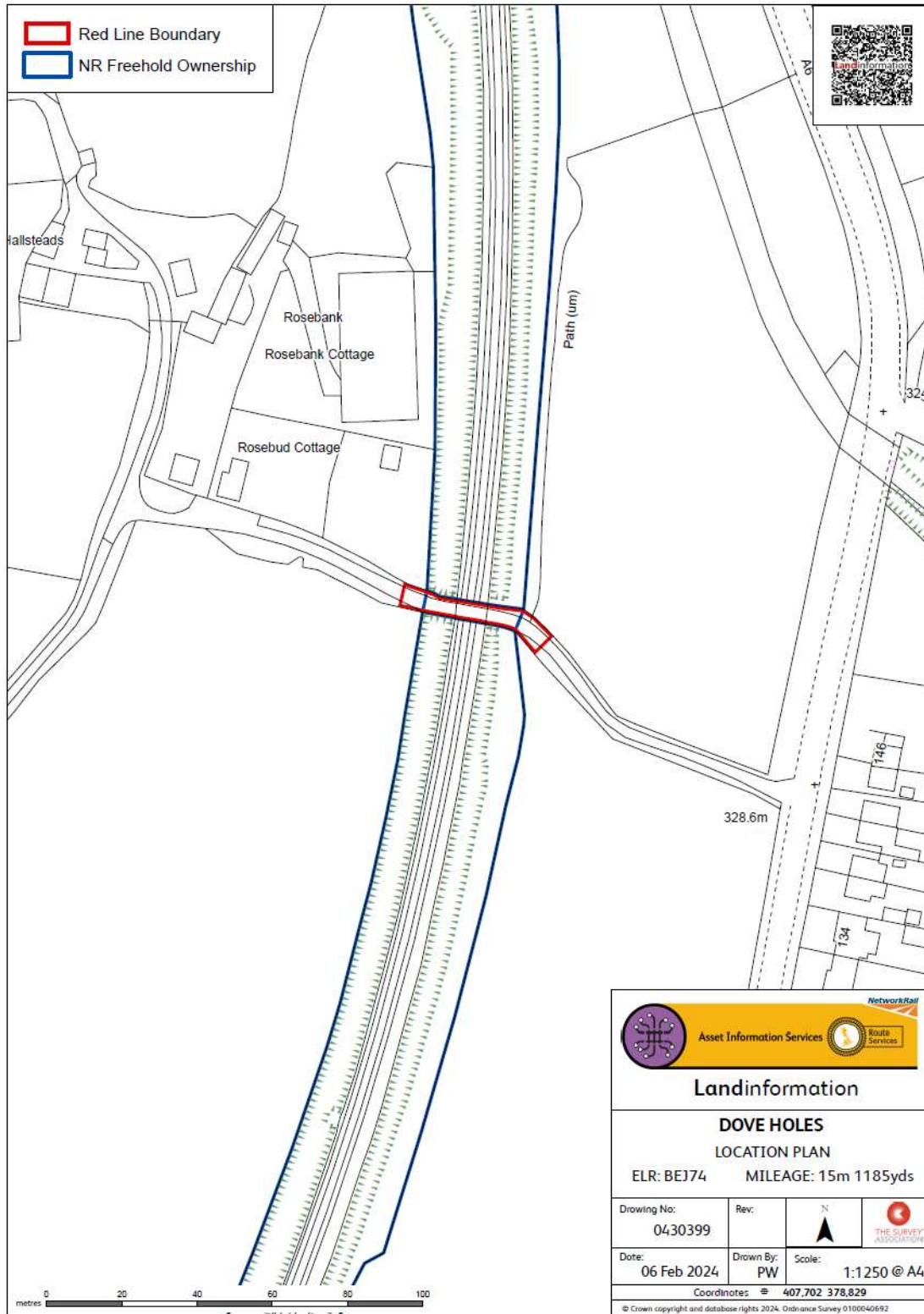
- The development ought to be, and could reasonably be, carried out elsewhere on the land; or
- The design or external appearance would injure the amenity of the neighbourhood and is reasonably capable of modification to avoid such injury.

As required under Part 18, we would be grateful to receive the Council’s prior approval for the works. Please note that under the provisions of paragraph 7(b) of the GPDO, this prior approval application should be determined within a period of 8 weeks beginning with the day immediately following that on which the application is received by the LPA.

If you wish to discuss the proposals or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Brown
Senior Director, CBRE (acting on behalf of Network Rail)

Appendix 1: Location Plan and Photographs

Appendix 2: List of Plans and Drawings

Drawing No.	Rev	Description
0430399	-	Location Plan (for approval)
167330-WDC-DRG-CIV-002	CO1	Site Location and Photographs (for information)
167330-WDC-DRG-CIV-002	CO1	Existing Constraints (for information)
167330-WDC-DRG-CIV-003	CO1	Existing Site Plan (for information)
167330-WDC-DRG-CIV-004	CO1	Existing Sections (for information)
167330-WDC-DRG-CIV-010	CO1	Defects Repair – Bridge Elevations (for approval)
167330-WDC-DRG-CIV-011	CO1	Defects Repair – Arch Barrel (for approval)
167330-WDC-DRG-CIV-020	CO1	Proposed Temporary Access Route (for information)
67330-WDC-DRG-CIV-021	CO1	Proposed Plan and Elevations (for approval)
67330-WDC-DRG-CIV-022	CO1	Proposed Setting Out and Sections (for approval)
67330-WDC-DRG-CIV-023	CO1	Proposed Carriageway Cross-sections (for approval)
67330-WDC-DRG-CIV-024	CO1	Proposed Reinforcement Details (for approval)
67330-WDC-DRG-CIV-025	CO1	Proposed Miscellaneous Details (for approval)