

Report of the Head of Planning, Transportation and Regeneration

Address BOURNES BRIDGE DAWLEY ROAD HAYES

Development: Removal of existing steel anti climb units and fixing new GRP angle sections to top flange of existing steel girder to raise parapet height (Application for Prior Approval under Class A, Part 18 of Schedule 2 to the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended))

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Location plan

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Date Application Valid: 21/04/2022

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 Recommendations

PRIOR APPROVAL GIVEN

2.0 Planning Considerations

Site context:

Bournes Bridge is a single span steel overbridge with two pedestrian walkways on either side. It carries the A437 over the mainline railway from London Paddington at mileage 11m 621yds (ELR: MLN1). The parapets are at an existing height of 1.5m, are made of steel and have anti-climb units installed. The structure is not listed and the site is not a conservation area.

The parapets are currently made from steel with an existing height of 1.5m. The top of the parapets has steel anticlimb units installed.

Proposal:

The proposal consists of removing the existing steel anti-climb units and fixing new GRP angle sections to the top flange of the existing steel girder, which will support a new GRP coping unit fixed to the angles. To meet the 1800mm requirement of BS EN 50122-1 the new GRP units are required to be 589mm high. This increase is to comply with the safe electrical separation requirements between the High Voltage (HV) Over Line Equipment (OLE) wires and the general public using of the bridge.

The proposed units will have an anti-climb profile compliant with Network Rail standard NR/L3/CIV/020 "Design of Bridges". This will raise the parapets to have a final minimum height of 1.8m along the total length of each parapet (37m) on either side of the bridge, 74m in total.

Assessment:

This proposal is submitted under Part 18 Class A to Schedule 2 of the GPDO 2015 as permitted development. It does not require full planning permission, but the Local Planning Authority (LPA) must give its approval prior to the implementation of the scheme.

Part 18 of the GPDO is applicable to developments which were initially authorised by an Act of Parliament. The railway here, was constructed under the Parliamentary powers contained in the enabling act 'Great Western Railway Act 1835'.

This bestows the railway company and its successors the power to make developments necessary to the running and management of the railway; including the erection, construction, alteration or extension of any building and the formation, laying out or alteration of a means of access to any highway used by vehicular traffic.

Therefore, the development at Bournes Bridge is permitted development, outlined in Part 18 Class A of Schedule 2 of the GPDO. Paragraph A.2 outlines the process by which the Local Planning Authority (LPA) can give prior approval and comment on the proposals. It states:

The prior approval referred to in paragraph A.1 is not to be refused by the appropriate authority nor are conditions to be imposed unless they are satisfied that:

(a) the development (other than the provision of or works carried out to a dam) ought to be and could reasonably be carried out elsewhere on the land; or

Assessment - No, the proposal is concerning a specific bridge and therefore the works could not be carried out elsewhere.

(b) the design or external appearance of any building, bridge, aqueduct, pier or dam would injure the amenity of the neighbourhood and is reasonably capable of modification to avoid such injury.

Assessment - No concerns regarding the design, materials or siting of the proposal, in regards to the amenities of the neighbourhood given the nature and scale of the proposed works.

Conclusion:

This application is recommended for approval.

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Bournes Bridge Dawley Road Hayes

Installation of debris deflectors to overhead powerlines (Consultation under Schedule 2, Part 11 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995)

Decision Date: 09-10-1996 WD

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