

**Transport and Works Act 1992**

**The Transport and Works (Applications and Objections Procedure) (England and Wales) Rules 2006**

**Rule 10(6)**

**The Blackpool Tramway (Blackpool North Extension) Order**

**REQUEST FOR DIRECTION UNDER SECTION 90(2A) OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990**

To: The Secretary of State for Transport, c/o TWA Orders Unit, General Counsel's Office, Department for Transport, Zone 1/18, Great Minster House, 33 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 4DR

- 1 Pursuant to Rule 10(6)(a) of the Transport and Works (Applications and Objections Procedure) (England and Wales) Rules 2006 ("the Application Rules"), Blackpool Borough Council of Municipal Buildings, Corporation Street, Blackpool FY1 1NF hereby requests that a direction be made under section 90(2A) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 that planning permission, so far as it is required, shall be deemed to be granted for the development proposed to be authorised by the above Order.
- 2 The proposed development comprises the construction and operation of a tramway and tramroad from the existing tramway at North Pier, the Promenade (A584), along Talbot Road (A586), to a terminus adjacent to Blackpool North railway station, in Blackpool, Lancashire. The development includes two new tram stops at Blackpool North and Talbot Square.
- 3 The proposed development is entirely located in the Borough of Blackpool.
- 4 This direction seeks deemed planning permission to be granted for the whole development and each element of it. A statement of proposed planning conditions is included with this request, in accordance with Rule 10(6)(b) of the Application Rules. In response to rule 10(6)(c) of the Application Rules, some details in respect of scale, external appearance, siting and landscape will be reserved for subsequent approval by the Local Planning Authority to the extent and in the manner set out in conditions to the direction.
- 5 There also accompanies this request for a planning direction:
  - (a) a Planning Statement; and
  - (b) Planning Direction Drawings showing, amongst other things, the boundaries of the planning application.

## **APPENDIX A: ELEMENTS OF THE DEVELOPMENT OR POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT**

### **1. Borough of Blackpool**

#### **North Pier Stop to Blackpool North Stop (Planning Direction Drawing Sheet No. 1)**

- (a) Formation of a tramway (Work No. 1) including the construction of associated drainage and ducting and the installation of all associated cabling, plant, electrical and mechanical equipment, fixings, fencing and screening and any other operations necessary or expedient for the development in addition to those specifically listed below.
- (b) Formation of a tramway (Work No. 2) including the construction of associated drainage and ducting and the installation of all associated cabling, plant, electrical and mechanical equipment, fixings, fencing and screening and any other operations necessary or expedient for the development in addition to those specifically listed below.
- (c) Formation of a tramroad (Work No. 3) including the construction of associated drainage and ducting and the installation of all associated cabling, plant, electrical and mechanical equipment, fixings, fencing and screening and any other operations necessary or expedient for the development in addition to those specifically listed below.
- (d) Infilling of and or modification to the structure forming the void beneath Talbot Square that was formerly a public convenience and barbers shop.
- (e) Formation of a new tram stop (eastbound only), Talbot Square (name subject to confirmation) including shelters, lighting, plant, apparatus, equipment cabinets and access ways. The stop shall be comprised of a raised platform face similar to those on the existing Blackpool Tramway.
- (f) Formation of a new tram stop, Blackpool North (name subject to confirmation) including shelters, lighting, plant, apparatus, equipment cabinets and access ways. The stop shall be comprised of two raised platform faces similar to those on the existing Blackpool Tramway.
- (g) Environmental works to mitigate the scheme, including hard landscaping works.
- (h) Relocation of the post box located within the footway to the southwest corner of the Sacred Heart Church, as may be required, to a location to be agreed with the Royal Mail and local highway authority.
- (i) Miscellaneous highway operations including;
  - (i) surface works for remodelling the existing priority junction along Promenade (A584) with Talbot Square (A586) into a signal controlled junction, including the relocation of pedestrian crossings on Promenade and across the tramway, to accommodate the tramway (Work Nos. 1 and 2). This item includes any kerbing, drainage and ducting works, lighting, traffic signals and signs, street furniture and road markings required for implementation;
  - (ii) surface works for realigning the carriageway through and relocation of pedestrian crossing in Talbot Square (A586) to accommodate the tramway (Work Nos. 1 and 2) and associated tram stop, Talbot Square (name subject to confirmation), and to form revised priority junctions with The Strand, Talbot Road (A586), Market Street, and Corporation Street. This item includes any kerbing, drainage and ducting works, lighting, traffic signs, street furniture and road markings required for implementation;
  - (iii) surface works for remodelling the existing minor priority junction on Talbot Square (A586) with The Strand. This item includes any kerbing, drainage and ducting works, lighting, traffic signs, street furniture and road markings required for implementation;

- (iv) surface works for remodelling the existing minor priority junction on Talbot Square (A586) and Talbot Road (A586) with Corporation Street. This item includes any kerbing, drainage and ducting works, lighting, traffic signs, street furniture and road markings required for implementation;
- (v) surface works for remodelling the existing minor priority junction on Talbot Square (A586) with Market Street. This item includes any kerbing, drainage and ducting works, lighting, traffic signs, street furniture and road markings required for implementation;
- (vi) surface works for remodelling the priority junction of Corporation Street with Clifton Street to permit the right turn from Corporation Street onto Clifton Street. This item includes any kerbing, drainage and ducting works, lighting, traffic signs, street furniture and road markings required for implementation;
- (vii) surface works for realigning and narrowing Talbot Road (A586) between its junction with Talbot Square and its junction with Dickson Road and Topping Street to accommodate the tramway (Work No. 1) and formal parking, loading and taxi bays. This item includes any kerbing, drainage and ducting works, lighting, traffic signals and signs, street furniture and road markings required for implementation;
- (viii) formation of an on footway parking bay for use by formal church processional vehicles accessing the Sacred Heart Church, Talbot Road (A586).
- (ix) surface works for remodelling the existing signalised junction between Talbot Road (A586) and Abingdon Street. This item includes any kerbing, drainage and ducting works, lighting, traffic signals and signs, street furniture and road markings required for implementation;
- (x) formation of on-footway loading bay for use generally by delivery vehicles to the Imperial Public House, Talbot Road (A586).
- (xi) surface works for remodelling the existing priority roundabout junction between Talbot Road (A586), Dickson Road (A586) and Topping Street into a signal controlled junction to accommodate the tramway and tramroad (Work Nos. 1 and 3). This item includes any kerbing, drainage and ducting works, lighting, traffic signals and signs, street furniture and road markings required for implementation;
- (xii) surface works for remodelling the existing priority controlled junction of Topping Street with Deansgate to make Topping Street one-way traffic in a northbound direction. This item includes any kerbing, drainage and ducting works, lighting, traffic signs, street furniture and road markings required for implementation;
- (xiii) surface works for remodelling Deansgate between its junctions with East Topping Street and Topping Street to make Deansgate one-way traffic in a westbound direction. This item includes any kerbing, drainage and ducting works, lighting, traffic signs, street furniture and road markings required for implementation;
- (xiv) surface works for remodelling the existing priority junction between Cookson Street (A586) and Deansgate into a signal controlled junction, and associated works to the junction between Cookson Street (A586), George Street, and King Street. This item includes any kerbing, drainage and ducting works, lighting, traffic signals and signs, street furniture and road markings required for implementation;
- (j) Formation of a construction compound to facilitate the construction of the works on land occupied by a retail store and multi-storey car park development bounded on its northern side by Queen Street, western side by Dickson Road, eastern side by High Street and southern side by Talbot Square. This item includes surfacing works, drainage and ducting works, erection of fences, hoardings, lighting, signs and installation of cabins and stores.

## **APPENDIX B: CONDITIONS PROPOSED TO BE ATTACHED TO THE DIRECTION BEING SOUGHT FOR DEEMED PLANNING PERMISSION**

### **Definitions**

In these conditions, unless the context otherwise requires, references to a numbered drawing are references to the drawing of that number submitted with the application for the Order, and:

“the local planning authority” means Blackpool Borough Council;

“the development” means the development authorised by the Order;

“the Order” means the Blackpool Tramway (Blackpool North Extension) Order 201[x];

“structure” means any structure excluding tram lines;

“the tram system” has the meaning given in article 2(1) of the Order”

#### **1. Time limit for commencement of development**

The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of five years from the date that the Order comes into force.

Reason: To ensure that the development is commenced within a reasonable period of time.

#### **2. Design and external appearance**

The development hereby authorised shall not be commenced until details of the design and external appearance of all structures, including the positions of any poles to support overhead line equipment, have been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The erection and/or creation of the structures shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details, and they shall be retained as such.

Reason: To ensure satisfactory external appearance in the interests of visual amenity.

#### **3. Materials**

The development hereby authorised shall not be commenced until details of materials to be used in any external surfaces and their external appearance have been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The submitted details shall include samples of the materials to be used. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details, and shall be retained as such.

Reason: To control the external materials used in the development and to ensure satisfactory external appearance in the interests of visual amenity.

#### **4. Landscaping scheme**

The development hereby authorised shall not be commenced until a landscaping scheme specifying details of both hard and soft landscaping (including street furniture) has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority.

The approved landscaping scheme shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details not later than 12 months beginning with the date when the tram system is brought into public use.

Reason: To ensure satisfactory external appearance in the interest of visual amenity and to ensure that landscaping mitigation is provided in a timely manner.

## **5. Code of Construction Practice**

No development shall be commenced until a code of construction practice in relation to the development has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The code of construction practice must accord with the principles set out in the draft code of construction practice submitted [to the inquiry into the application for the Order as document number [TBC]]. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved code of construction practice.

Reason: To mitigate expected construction impacts.