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Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposed works to reconstruct the Settle Road (A682) bridge at Newsholme: Request for Prior Approval under Part 18 of the General Permitted Development Order

I am writing to notify you of Network Rail's intention to undertake work to reconstruct the bridge carrying the Clitheroe-Hellifield railway line above Settle Road (A682) at Newsholme (approx.. 2.5km north of Gisburn). The works are required as a consequence of the general condition of the bridge, which is in a life-expired condition.

Network Rail is proposing to undertake a programme of work that will involve the demolition and removal of the existing structure. It will be replaced with a new bridge, of steel construction, as shown on the submitted drawings.

From a town planning perspective the works at the bridge are permitted development Part 18, Class A (Miscellaneous development - development under local or private Acts or Order) of the Town and County Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015. This section of railway was authorised by The Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Act (New Works and Additional Powers) 1871. The provisions of the Railway Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 ('RCCA') were made applicable to this Act. 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 including 'all other acts necessary for making, maintaining, altering or repairing and using the railway'.

Under condition A1 of Part 18, 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 submitted a site location plan and the following drawing numbers:

- B92118-DRG-BRS1010 - Existing GA Drawing
- B92118-DRG-BRS1020 - Proposed GA Drawing
- 8020755 – Location Plan

As required under Part 18, I would be grateful to receive the Council's prior approval for the works to the structure. If you wish to discuss the proposals or require further information please do not hesitate to contact me. Please note that under the provisions of paragraph 7(b) of the Town and County Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015, the 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 authority.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Gradwell
Town Planner