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**18/1372/CAP18 – Application for Prior Approval under Part 18. Mill Road Bridge, Cambridge.**

This is a 'prior approval' application for works that Network Rail intend to undertake to Mill Road Bridge. The works comprise construction of a new gated east side stairway from Mill Road, to provide access to train drivers walkway (including alterations to Arches 5 and 6) to facilitate new sidings, walkway and passive provision for the Chisholm Trail.

The work is permitted development under Part 18 of the Town and Country Planning General Permitted Development Order (GPDO). Part 18 limits the control which the Local Planning Authority can exercise when determining such applications - only the location and design/external appearance can be considered. Prior approval cannot be refused (nor can conditions be imposed), unless:

1. The development ought to be and could reasonably be carried out elsewhere on the land.
2. The design or external appearance of any building or bridge would injure the amenity of the neighbourhood and is reasonably capable of modification to avoid such injury.

During the course of this application, the City Council Urban Design Officer and Conservation Officer raised concerns regarding the proposed canopy over the stairway. This is considered to have a detrimental visual impact on the character and appearance of the Conservation Area. These concerns have been relayed to Network Rail, and a formal response is awaited. An extension to the time period for determining this application until 30 November 2018 has been agreed, to enable these matters to be resolved.

To clarify, whilst the works may require the closure of Mill Road Bridge, this is outside the remit of this application. Network Rail would need to obtain a temporary Traffic Regulation Order from Cambridgeshire County Council.

Kind regards.

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