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## DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

PROPOSED LINK BRIDGE FOR CONVEYOR  
AT  
418 CARLTON ROAD, BARNSELY, S71 3HX

FOR GLASS RECYCLING (UK) LTD





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**SITE ADDRESS:**

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**PROPOSAL:**

New Link Bridge for Conveyor

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Rees CM Ltd have been instructed by Glass Recycling Ltd to seek full planning consent for a link bridge to house a conveyor at their site at 418 Carlton Road, Barnsley. The statement is to be read in conjunction with the Architectural drawings.
- 1.2 The proposal is for a link bridge to house a conveyor between two of their industrial buildings.

## 2.0 SITE DESCRIPTION

- 2.1 The site is part of a large glass recycling facility within an area of industrial uses situated to the north of Barnsley operated by Glass Recycling (UK) Ltd.
- 2.2 Within the immediate vicinity of the site are industrial units with low level residential development to the south of the site on the other side of Laithe Lane.
- 2.3 The proposed link bridge spans the short distance between two existing buildings to the east of the site.

## 3.0 THE APPLICANT – Glass Recycling (UK) Ltd

- 3.1 Glass Recycling (UK) Ltd are the largest independent glass recycling company in the UK with more than 70 employees at this main plant in Barnsley.
- 3.2 The company is forward thinking, continually investing in the development of specialist machinery to enable greater recycling capabilities.

## 4.0 THE PROPOSAL

- 4.1 The main purpose of the link bridge is to house a conveyor with associated maintenance walkways to allow operations to span between two existing buildings. The walkway allows plant operatives and maintenance staff to access the buildings without the hazards associated with moving through the main areas of operation.



- 4.2 The proposed conveyor just under 30m long, with a height of 2.5m.
- 4.3 The link bridge will house a conveyor with access walkways for maintenance to either side.
- 4.4 The link bridge will match the existing buildings in appearance with the width and height to suit the intended use.
- 4.5 There will be no increase in employment numbers.

## 5.0 THE PROPOSED BUILDING EXTENSION

5.1 Overall, the applicant aims to achieve a high standard of design and the following considerations have therefore been taken into account.

### 5.2 Use

- The link bridge is for plant to aid current industrial uses.

### 5.3 Amount

- The site area is 1561 square metres.
- The proposed link bridge has a footprint of 3.895m x 30m
- The internal area of the proposed link bridge is 105 square metres.

### 5.4 Layout:

- The layout of the link bridge is informed by the existing buildings and general form of the site and access.
- The siting of the link bridge spans above ground with the supporting structure touching down on an area between the buildings covered with shrubs and bushes.

### 5.5 Scale:

- The link bridge is of a scale suitable to its purpose and situated below the roof level of the existing buildings.



#### 5.6 **Appearance:**

- The appearance of the link bridge matches the existing buildings with vertical profiled wall and roof cladding.

#### 5.7 **Landscape:**

- The existing shrubs/bushes beneath will be maintained.
- The link bridge extends across at high level having no impact upon the site's biodiversity.

#### 5.8 **Access:**

- The new link bridge enables plant operatives and maintenance staff to move between the two buildings without the potential hazards of having to move through the main areas of operation.
- Car parking is not relevant to the proposal.

## 6.0 **PLANNING POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

### **National Planning Policy**

- 6.1 Paragraph 2 of NPPF states that 'applications for planning permission must be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise'
- 6.2 Paragraph 12 expands upon this statement confirming that the Framework does not change the statutory status of the development plan as the starting point for decision making. Proposed development that accords with an up to date Local Plan should be approved.
- 6.3 Paragraph 80 of the NPPF highlights the importance of building a strong and competitive economy. This can be encouraged through planning policy and decisions which help to create conditions in which businesses can invest and expand.
- 6.4 Paragraph 82 of the NPPF states that planning policies and decisions should recognise and address the specific locational requirement of different sectors.



6.5 Paragraph 117 of the NPPF promotes the effective use of land and the preference to use previously developed land to meet needs.

### Local Planning Policy

6.6 Within Barnsley Local Plan under their Policy GD1 General Development it states that proposals for development will be approved if:

- There will be no significant adverse effect on the living conditions and residential amenity of existing and future residents
- They are compatible with neighbouring land and will not significantly prejudice the current or future use of the neighbouring land
- They will not adversely affect the potential development of a wider area of land which could otherwise be available for development and safeguards access to adjacent land
- Any adverse impact on the environment, natural resources, waste and pollution is minimised and mitigated
- Appropriate landscaped boundaries are provided where sites are adjacent to open countryside

6.7 Policy D1 High quality design and place making in Barnsley Local Plan states that development is expect to be of high quality design making the best use of high quality materials.

6.8 Policy SD1 within the Local Plan, Presumption in favour of Sustainable Development, states that when considering development proposals a positive approach will be taken to reflect the presumption in favour of sustainable development contained in the NPPF.

### Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham Joint Waste Plan (JWP)

6.9 WCS 1 states that provision will be made to maintain, improve and expand the network of Waste Management Facilities to achieve sustainable waste management across all waster streams.



- 6.10 WCS 4 states that the types of location where waste proposals may be acceptable in principle include existing waste sites and designated employment and industrial areas/sites.

## 7.0 PRINCIPLE OF DEVELOPMENT

- 7.1 The proposed link bridge will provide a covered area a conveyor to enable processes to continue between two existing buildings.
- 7.2 The site is within an industrial area which will have no impact on residential amenity and will support economic growth within the area and beyond in line with the National and Local Planning Policy.
- 7.3 The proposal will not increase vehicle movements with access and parking/turning areas already in place on site.
- 7.4 The application site is within Flood Zone 1 with a very low risk of flooding.

## 8.0 CONCLUSION

- 8.1 The development complies with local and national planning policy.
- 8.2 The proposal contributes to the growth of the economy.
- 8.3 The scheme will not negatively impact the neighbouring amenity.
- 8.4 The proposal is to accommodate increased levels of recycling, promoting sustainability and supported by National and Local Planning Policy.