

**IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS
SESSION 2022 - 23**

**HIGH SPEED RAIL (CREWE-MANCHESTER) BILL
ADDITIONAL PROVISION 1**

STATEMENT

ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

IN SUPPORT OF

**THE APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION WITH CERTAIN PRIVATE BUSINESS STANDING
ORDERS**

1. The Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills have reported that certain Standing Orders have not been complied with in the case of amendments to the High Speed Rail (Crewe – Manchester) Bill (“the Bill”) deposited on 6 July 2022 and referred to a Select Committee of the House of Commons.
2. A motion empowering the Select Committee to consider any amendments was passed in the House of Commons on 20 June 2022. A copy of the Motion is in Appendix A.
3. The amendments concern the following matters: -

Amendments to accommodate changes to the design of the works authorised by the Bill in:

- (i) The parish of Basford, Town of Crewe, parishes of Woolstanwood, Leighton, Minshull Vernon, Warmingham, Town of Middlewich, parishes of Holmes Chapel, Plumley, Tabley Inferior, Pickmere, Tabley Superior, Aston by Budworth, Mere, High Legh, Agden in the County of Cheshire.
 - (ii) Parishes of Stanthorne and Wimboldsley, Winsford, Sproston, Lach Dennis, Rudheath, Lostock Gralam, Town of Northwich, parish of Wincham in the County of Cheshire.
4. The applicable Private Business Standing Orders which have not been complied with in relation to the amendments are those:
 - (a) relating to the publication and service of notices (SOs 4, 4A, 10, 10A, 11, 12, 12A and 13); and
 - (b) relating to the deposit of plans, sections, book of reference and environmental statement (SOs 27, 27A, 34 and 36), estimate of expense (SO 45), housing statement (SO47) and copies of the Bill (SOs 39 and 41).
 5. As regards all the Standing Orders referred to in paragraphs 4(a) and (b), non-compliance has been found because the relevant time frame in the case of an Additional Provision is the session in which the original Bill was deposited. Therefore the dates specified in those Standing Order refer, in the case of the Bill, to things to be done “on or before” dates in November and December 2021. It follows that an Additional Provision deposited in July 2022 cannot be compliant as to time.
 6. A further non-compliance was found in respect of Standing Order 4 (Contents of Notice)

7. Standing Order 4 (Contents of notice) requires that the newspaper notice states the offices within each relevant local authority area, where the Bill can be inspected and obtained, being the offices required by SO 4A (Copies of Bill to be made available). Prior to the deposit of the Additional Provision, HS2 Ltd liaised with the relevant Local Authorities and Libraries to make arrangements with them for the Additional Provision documents to be made available by them for the purposes of compliance with the requirements of SO 4A(d). HS2 Ltd confirmed the office location details to be stated in the newspaper notice for the purposes of SO 4 with the Local Authorities and Libraries prior to publication of the notice.
8. Following publication of the newspaper notice HS2 Ltd carried out a mystery shopper exercise to ensure that the documents were available for inspection by members of the public at the relevant Local Authority offices and Libraries stated in the notice. The documents were found to be available on the visits to the Local Authority offices in compliance with the requirements of SO4A(d). However, it was found that on visits to two of the libraries stated in the notice that the documents were not available for inspection.

Beswick Library

9. The mystery shopper team visited the library on 23 July 2022 and the documents were available to inspect. During this visit they discovered a notice informing members of the public that the library would be temporarily closed for a three-week period from 25 July 2022 to 15 August 2022. No communication in advance of this temporary closure was sent to HS2 Ltd by the library. The mystery shopper team further visited this library on 16 August 2022, after its temporary closure, and the documents were found to be available. HS2 Ltd has checked its records and during this period of the temporary closure of this library the HS2 helpdesk received no phone calls regarding the availability of documents at this library. During this period the nearest other local library (as stated in the notice) was the Longsight Library and Learning Centre where the documents were shown to be available for inspection by the mystery shopper exercise. A map indicating the distance between Beswick Library and the Longsight Library and Learning Centre (2.84km) is set out in Appendix [B].

Miles Platting Community Library

10. On 23 and 28 July 2022, the mystery shopper team visited this library and the documents were not available for inspection on both occasions. The documents had been delivered by HS2 Ltd to this library and proof of delivery had been obtained by HS2 Ltd. Following the first mystery shopper visit HS2 Ltd emailed the library to remind them of their requirements to make the document available for inspection. On the second visit by the mystery shopper team, they were directed to the nearest other inspection venue Newton Heath library (being a library stated in the notice), where the documents were available for inspection. A map indicating the distance between Miles Platting Community Library and Newton Heath Library (3.28km) is set out in Appendix [B]. As a precaution, HS2 Ltd resent the documents to Miles Platting Community Library and proof of delivery was once again obtained by HS2 Ltd. Again, HS2 Ltd has checked its records and the HS2 helpdesk received no phone calls regarding the non-availability of documents at this library. The mystery shopper team returned to this library on the 8 September 2022 and although some of the material was available, a number of documents, including the USB stick containing the suite of documents, had been removed by members of the public. HS2 immediately delivered another set of the documents to the Library and received confirmation of delivery of these
11. In both of these cases therefore, for reasons outside the Promoter's control, documents were not made available for inspection at these two libraries as stated in the newspaper notice. Nevertheless, the newspaper notice did state the Local Authority office for the metropolitan district for these two libraries (Manchester City Council), in compliance with SO 4A(d), where members of the public were able to view the documents, as well as stating other local libraries within the same metropolitan district where members of the public were also able to view the documents. The documents were shown to be available for inspection by the mystery shopper exercise at both this Local Authority office and these other local libraries in this metropolitan

district as required by the Standing Order. The details for this Local Authority office and other local libraries are also set out in Appendix C.

12. In these circumstances it is respectfully requested that the Standing Orders, insofar as they have not been complied with, may be dispensed with so that the amendments may be considered by the Select Committee.

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(a) must consult the relevant nature conservation body and have regard to any representations made by the body within such reasonable time as the Committee specifies;

(b) is not required to consult the general public.

(6) In paragraph (5)(a), the “relevant nature conservation body” means—

(a) in relation to a site in England, Natural England, and

(b) in relation to a site in Scotland, Scottish Natural Heritage.

That these Orders be Standing Orders of the House.—(*Andrew Stephenson.*)

86 High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill: Instruction (No. 2)

Ordered, That it be an instruction to the Select Committee to which the High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill is committed to deal with the Bill as follows:

(1) The Committee shall, before concluding its proceedings, amend the Bill by—

(a) leaving out provision relating to the railway between Hoo Green in Cheshire and a junction with the West Coast Main Line at Bamfurlong, south of Wigan, except for a spur from Hoo Green to the Parish of High Legh in Cheshire, and

(b) making such amendments to the Bill as it thinks fit in consequence of the amendments made by virtue of sub-paragraph (a).

(2) The Committee shall not hear any petition to the extent that it relates to whether or not there should be a railway between Hoo Green in Cheshire and a junction with the West Coast Main Line at Bamfurlong, south of Wigan.

(3) The Committee shall treat the principle of the Bill, as determined by the House on the Bill's Second Reading, as comprising the matters mentioned in paragraph 4; and those matters shall accordingly not be at issue during proceedings of the Committee.

(4) The matters referred to in paragraph (3) are—

(a) the provision of a high speed railway between a junction with Phase 2a of High Speed 2 south of Crewe in Cheshire and Manchester Piccadilly Station,

(b) in relation to the railway set out on the plans deposited in January 2022 in connection with the Bill in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments and the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons, its broad route alignment, and

(c) the fact that there are to be no new stations (other than Manchester Piccadilly and Manchester Airport) on, or spurs (other than the spur from Hoo Green to the Parish of High Legh) from, the railway mentioned in sub-paragraph (b).

(5) The Committee shall have power to consider any amendments proposed by the member in charge of the Bill which, if the Bill were a private bill, could not be made except upon petition for additional provision.

(6) Paragraph (5) applies only so far as the amendments proposed by the member in charge of the Bill fall within the principle of the Bill as provided for by paragraphs (3) and (4) above.

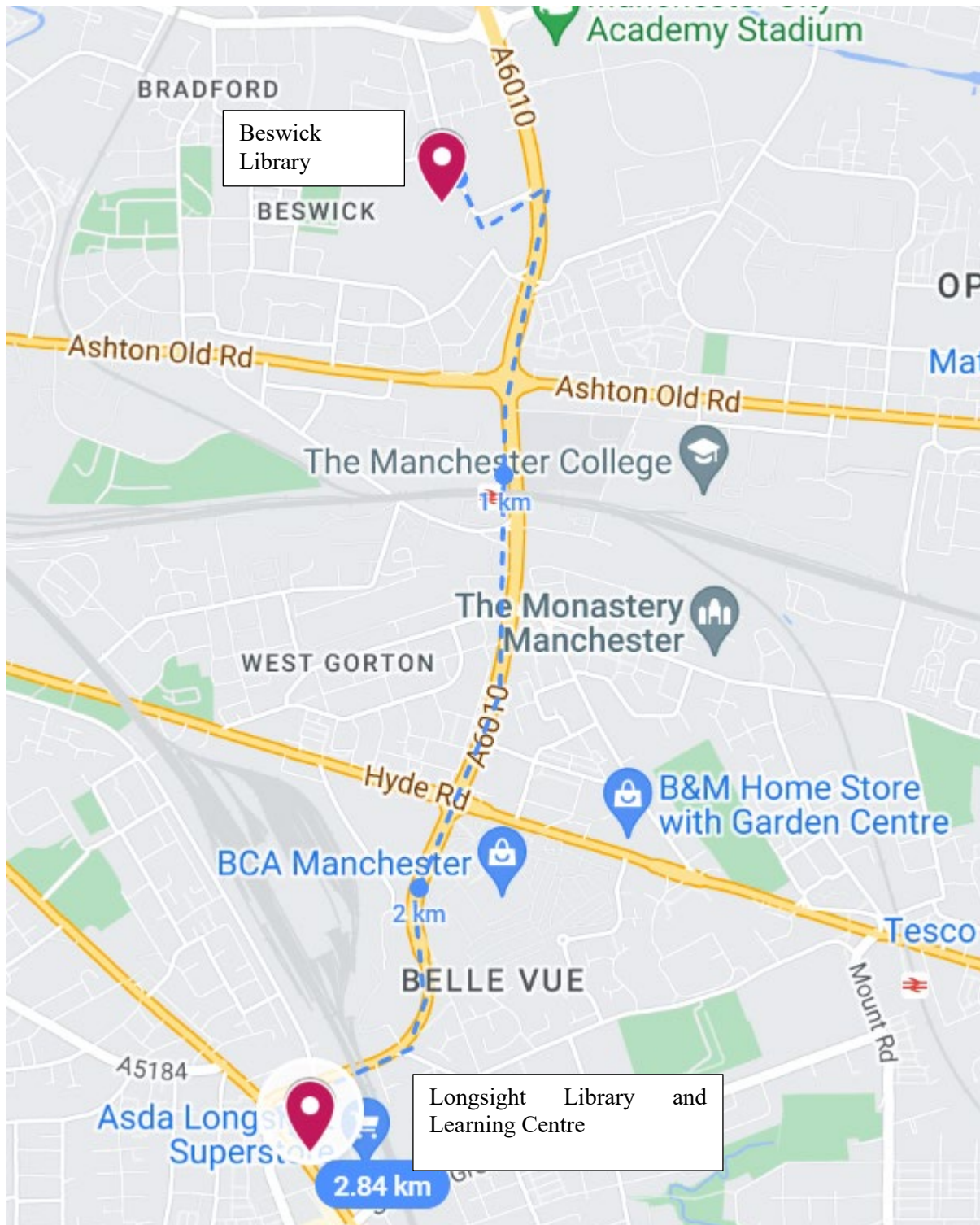
That these Orders be Standing Orders of the House.—(*Andrew Stephenson.*)

87 High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill: Carry-over

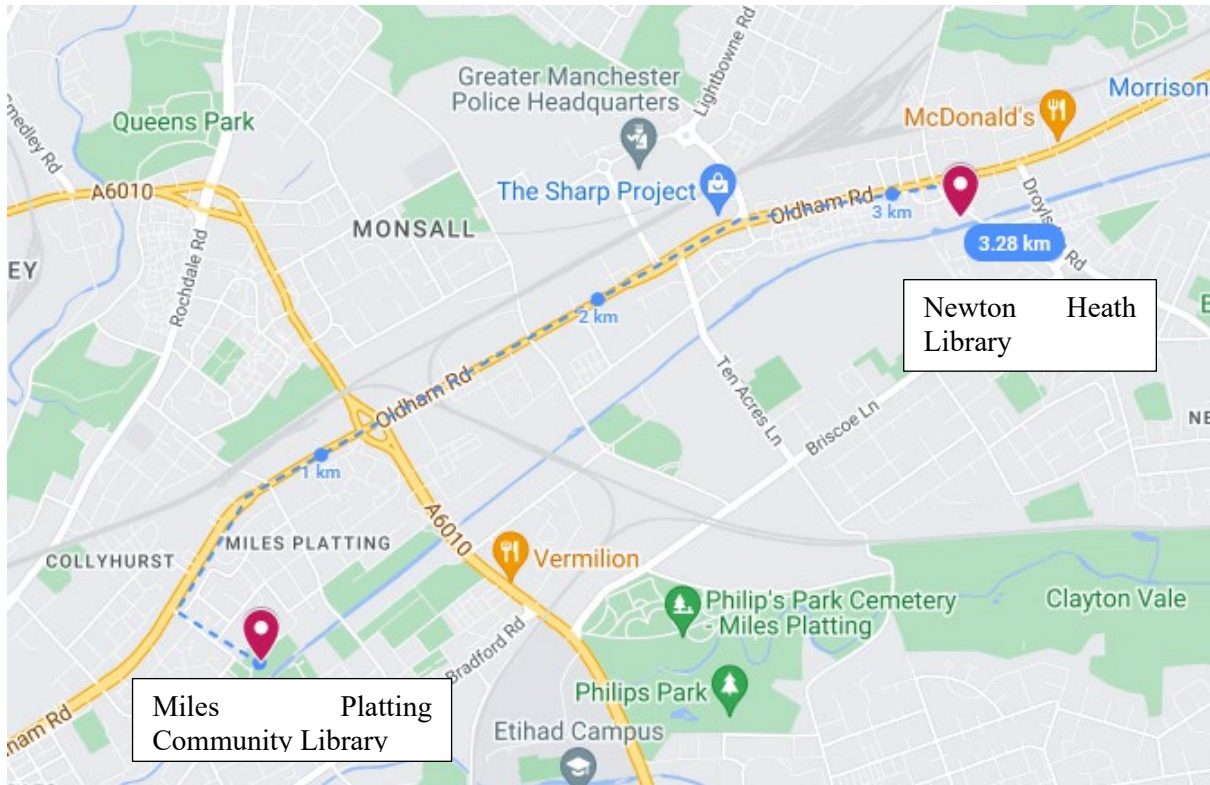
Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply in respect of the High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill:

Suspension at end of current Session

Map indicating the distance between Beswick Library and the Longsight Library and Learning Centre



Map indicating the distance between Miles Platting Community Library and Newton Heath Library



Officers with whom the Plans and Sections, Book of Reference, Environmental Statement relating to the Amendments, Supplementary Environmental Statement and Non-Technical Summary and proposed Amendments together with a copy of the Bill have been deposited for inspection. Those offices where the Additional Provision, Environmental Statement and Non-Technical Summary are also available for sale are indicated by a “*”.

In Cheshire**Borough of Cheshire East –**

*Business Intelligence Manager - Research and Consultation, Cheshire East Council, Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach, CW11 1HZ
Parish Clerk, Weston and Basford Parish Council, c/o Crewe Library, Crewe Lifestyle Centre, Moss Square, Crewe, CW1 2BB
Town Clerk, Crewe Town Council, c/o Crewe Library, Crewe Lifestyle Centre, Moss Square, Crewe, CW1 2BB
Parish Councillor, Warmingham Parish Council, Hill Farm, Hall Lane, Warmingham, Sandbach, CW11 3QU
Parish Clerk, Minshull Vernon and District Parish Council, c/o Crewe Library, Crewe Lifestyle Centre, Moss Square, Crewe, CW1 2BB
Town Clerk, Middlewich Town Council, The Town Hall, Victoria Buildings, Lewin Street, Middlewich, CW10 9AS
Parish Clerk, Holmes Chapel Parish Council, 1 Church Walk, Holmes Chapel, Cheshire, CW4 7AZ
Parish Clerk, Plumley with Toft and Bexton Parish Council, c/o Knutsford Library, Toft Road, Knutsford, WA16 0PG
Parish Clerk, Tabley Parish Council, c/o Knutsford Library, Toft Road, Knutsford, WA16 0PG
Parish Clerk, Pickmere Parish Council, c/o Knutsford Library, Toft Road, Knutsford, WA16 0PG
Parish Clerk, Aston by Budworth Parish Council, c/o Knutsford Library, Toft Road, Knutsford, WA16 0PG
Parish Clerk, Mere Parish Council, 9 Siddall Street, Northwich, CW9 7AF
Parish Clerk, High Legh Parish Council, High Legh Village Hall, West Lane, High Legh, Knutsford, WA16 6LR
Chairman, Agden Parish Meeting, Agden Brook Farm, Lymm Road, Little Bollington, Altrincham, WA14 4TE
Councillor, Millington Parish Council, c/o The Community Centre, 99 Central Road, Partington, Manchester, M31 4FL
Parish Clerk, Rostherne Parish Council, c/o Knutsford Library, Toft Road, Knutsford, WA16 0PG
Parish Clerk, Ashley Parish Council, St Elizabeth’s Church and Community Centre, Ashley Road, Ashley, Altrincham, WA14 3QE
Parish Clerk, Mobberley Parish Council, The Rajar Building, Town Lane, Mobberley, Knutsford, WA16 7ER

Borough of Cheshire West and Chester –

*Locality Librarian, Cheshire West & Chester Council, The Portal, Wellington Road, Ellesmere Port, CH65 0BA
Parish Clerk, Stanthorne and Wimboldsley Parish Meeting, c/o Winsford Library, High Street, Winsford, CW7 2AS
Town Clerk/Finance Officer, Winsford Town Council, c/o Winsford Library, High Street, Winsford, CW7 2AS
Chairman, Sproston Parish Council, c/o Middlewich Library, Lewin Street, Middlewich, CW10 9AS
Parish Clerk, Lach Dennis Parish Council, c/o Northwich Library, Witton Street, Northwich, CW9 5DR
Parish Clerk, Rudheath Parish Council, c/o Northwich Library, Witton Street, Northwich, CW9 5DR
Town Clerk, Northwich Town Council, c/o Northwich Library, Witton Street, Northwich, CW9 5DR
Parish Clerk, Lostock Gralam Parish Council, c/o Northwich Library, Witton Street, Northwich, CW9 5DR
Parish Clerk, Wincham Parish Council, c/o Northwich Library, Witton Street, Northwich, CW9 5DR

In Trafford –

*Strategic Planning, Trafford Council, c/o Partington Library, 91 Central Road, Partington, Manchester M31 4FY

In Manchester –

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Parish Councillor, Ringway Parish Council, c/o Altrincham Library, 2 Pott Street, Altrincham, WA14 1AH

PART II

Libraries where the Plans and Sections, Book of Reference, Environmental Statement relating to the Amendments, Supplementary Environmental Statement and Non-Technical Summary and proposed Amendments together with a copy of the Bill have been deposited for public inspection.

Crewe Library, Crewe Lifestyle Centre, Moss Square, Crewe, CW1 2BB

Sandbach Library, The Commons, Sandbach, CW11 1FJ

Nantwich Library, Beam Street, Nantwich, CW5 5LY

Knutsford Library, Toft Road, Knutsford, WA16 0PG

Holmes Chapel Library, London Road, Holmes Chapel, Crewe, CW4 7AP

Middlewich Library, Lewin Street, Middlewich, CW10 9AS

Winsford Library, High Street, Winsford, CW7 2AS

Northwich Library, Witton Street, Northwich, CW9 5DR

Frodsham Library, Princeway, Frodsham, WA6 6RX

Helsby Library, Lower Robin Hood Lane, Helsby, Frodsham, WA6 0BW

Partington Library, 91 Central Road, Partington, Manchester, M31 4FY

Hale Library, 159c Ashley Road, Hale, Altrincham, WA15 9SF

Altrincham Library, 2 Pott Street, Altrincham, WA14 1AH

Abraham Moss Library, Crescent Road, Crumpsall, Manchester, M8 5UF

Arcadia Library and Leisure Centre (Levenshulme), Yew Tree Avenue, Manchester, M19 3PH

Avenue Library and Learning Centre, Victoria Avenue East, Blackley, Manchester, M9 6HW

Barlow Moor Community Library, 23 Merseybank Avenue, Chorlton, Manchester, M21 7NT

Beswick Library, 60 Grey Mare Lane, Beswick, Manchester, M11 3DS

Brooklands Library, Moor Road, Wythenshawe, Manchester, M23 9BP

Burnage Library, Activity and Information Hub, Burnage Lane, Manchester, M19 1EW

Central Library, St Peters Square, City Centre, Manchester, M2 5PD

Chorlton Library, Manchester Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester, M21 9PN

Didsbury Library, 692 Wilmslow Road, Manchester, M20 2DN

Fallowfield Community Library, The Place at Platt Lane, Manchester, M14 7FB

Forum Library Wythenshawe, Forum Square, Wythenshawe, Manchester, M22 5RX

Gorton Library, Garratt Way, Gorton, Manchester, M18 8HE

Hulme High Street Library, Library and Leisure Centre, Manchester, M15 5NN

Longsight Library and Learning Centre, 519 Stockport Road, Longsight, Manchester, M12 4NE

Miles Platting Community Library, Victoria Mill Community Centre, Lower Vickers Street, Miles Platting, Manchester, M40 7LJ

Moss Side Powerhouse Library, 140 Raby Street, Manchester, M14 4SL

New Moston Community Library, Nuthurst Road, Manchester, M40 3PI

Newton Heath Library, Old Church Street, Manchester, M40 2JB

North City Library, Rochdale Road, Manchester, M9 4AF

Northenden Community Library, Parkway Green House, 460 Palatine Road, Northenden, Manchester, M22 4DJ

Withington Library, 410 Wilmslow Road, Manchester, M20 3BN

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