Heritage Statement for the installation of ACO drainage systems adjacent to the Grade II listed station building in Great Chesterford, Essex

1. Introduction

This heritage statement has been prepared in support of an application to install ACO drainage systems adjacent to the Grade II listed station building in Great Chesterford, Essex.

The area proposed for ACO installation is the line in red on the photo attached to the south of the adjacent Grade II listed building.

2. Description of heritage assets (from the National Heritage List for England at Historic Engliand)

Built circa 1845 by Francis Thompson, railway architect of the early C19, whose work (mainly in the north midlands) includes, notably, Chester station. In 1845 "The Builder" attributed both Great Chesterford and Audley End stations to Francis Thompson. A rectangular yellow gault brick building with a parapet, stucco band and elemental cornice. Two storeys. Five window range on both the approach and platform fronts, double-hung sashes with glazing bars, in plain stucco architraves with simple cornices. The ground storey windows have been altered with horizontal glazing bars. The north and south ends each has one window range. The platform has a C20 canopy without a fascia, on original "gallows" angle brackets with moulded pendants.

Greater Anglia undertook a search of the Heritage Gateway for information related to Great Chesterford railway station. The following returns were found:

Statutory data	
The National Heritage List for England	Main Building to Great Chesterford Railway Station (List Number 1305565)
Local records	
Essex Historic Environmental Record	Great Chesterford station (SMR number: 40893)

3. Impact of proposed development

The proposed drainage system upgrade will have a positive impact on its significance. The drainage will help to protect the wall and platforms from further deterioration and will ensure that it remains a prominent feature of the conservation area and a positive contributor to the setting of the listed station building.

4. Justification for proposed development

The proposed drainage system upgrade is necessary to protect the wall from further deterioration. The accompanies the repointing, previously given LBC which will also help to maintain the historic character of the conservation area and the setting of the listed station building.

5. How the proposed development will consider the setting of the listed station building

The worksl will be carried out in a way that minimizes any impact on the setting of the listed station building.

The drainage upgrade with the repointed wall will have a positive impact on the setting of the listed station building. The repointing will help to improve the appearance of the wall and will make it more compatible with the listed station building. The repointing will also help to protect the wall from further deterioration, which will help to preserve the historic character of the setting of the listed station building.