

The Girls' Day School Trust

**Northwood College, Maxwell Road
London Borough of Hillingdon**

Transport Statement

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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Vectos have been retained by the Girl's Day School Trust ('GDST') to provide highways and transportation advice to renew a 3-year temporary planning permission for temporary teaching accommodate on the Northwood College, Maxwell Road in the London Borough of Hillingdon ('site').
- 1.2 A 3-year temporary planning permission (planning ref. 2082/APP/2014/600) was granted in 2014 in relation to a proposal to provide temporary accommodation for up to a maximum of 1,089 pupils. The consented proposals involved the relocation of existing pupils from Heathfield School for Girls on the Northwood College premises.
- 1.3 To support the 2014 application, Vectos provided a Transport Assessment and a Travel Plan which should be read in conjunction with this Transport Statement (TS). The 2014 is included in **Appendix A** for information.
- 1.4 The aim of the current application is to provide an extension to the 2014 temporary planning permission for the site and, therefore, the purpose of this TS is to provide an update on the transport implications that would arise from the proposals.
- 1.5 Therefore, the remainder of this TS is set out as follows:
- Existing Conditions
 - Development Proposals
 - Effect of Development Proposals
 - School Travel Plan Update
 - Summary and Conclusion

2 EXISTING CONDITIONS

- 2.1 Northwood College is located on Maxwell Road, to the south of the junction with Anthus Mews and north of the junction with Leaf Close. The location of the site in a strategic and local context is presented in **Figure 1** and **Figure 2** respectively.
- 2.2 The area surrounding the Northwood campus is characterised by residential dwellings. It is bound by residential properties on Anthus Mews to the north, properties on The Glen and Myrtleside Close to the west, and properties on Maxwell Road and Rickmansworth Road to the south. In addition, a council-operated car park accessed via Green Lane bounds the site to the north (via a section of council owned woodland) and Maxwell Road forms the eastern boundary of the school site.
- 2.3 Northwood College is an independent day school for girls aged 3 to 18 years. The school is located on a single 0.85 hectares site and offers a wide range of facilities to its students and to the local community.
- 2.4 As well as normal teaching and learning spaces, a number of facilities are also offered at the site, including the following:
- Sports hall
 - Indoor swimming pool
 - Tennis Courts (x4)
 - All-weather pitch
 - Sports field
 - Fitness suite
 - Dance studio
 - Recital hall
- 2.5 Vectos have consulted the Northwood School Management Team to ascertain potential issues in the area near the School and they have confirmed that Maxwell Road is very busy at the beginning and end of the school day, however they consider that this is not attributable to the temporary nature of the building and that traffic would not increase/decrease if the building was a permanent structure or was located in a different area of the site.

3 DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

- 3.1 As part of the 2014 application, development proposals were to provide the merging of Northwood College and Heathfield Schools for Girls.
- 3.2 At the time of the 2014 planning application submission, Northwood College operated with 162 members of staff and 745 pupils.
- 3.3 The Transport Assessment submitted with the 2014 application, predicted an increase of up to 182 staff and 1,089 pupils (assuming an unlikely, worst-case 100% transfer of pupils from Heathfield Schools).
- 3.4 It should be noted that the Officer Report for the 2014 application stated that, if all classrooms were used to maximum capacity, the school could accommodate up to 1,146 pupils.
- 3.5 In the context of the current planning application to renew the temporary planning permission, Northwood College Management Team have also been consulted to ascertain the current and predicted number of pupil that will attend the school.
- 3.6 It has been confirmed that there are currently 823 pupils registered with the school and that 797 pupils are forecast for the 2017/2018 academic year.

4 EFFECT OF DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

- 4.1 As established in Section 3, the pupil numbers have not increased from the 2014 application and the previous transport work undertaken still provides a robust basis to assess the proposals, i.e. the TA was based on a robust estimate of 1,089 pupils.
- 4.2 As a result, a further impact assessment of the current proposals is considered unnecessary.

5 SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN UPDATE

5.1 As part of the previous application a detailed School Travel Plan was provided to encourage sustainable forms of transport to travel to/from the school. The Travel Plan identified the following measures:

- An additional school bus;
- The design and operation of a car sharing database;
- The promotion of the Green Lane car park for parents/guardians who drop off/pick up pupils; and
- The promotion of walking.

5.2 The School Travel Plan produced to support the 2014 application envisaged the following targets over the Travel Plan monitoring period:

- Reduce single occupancy vehicle trips by 5% for staff and pupils;
- Promote access to the site by walking and cycling and increase its mode share by 2.5% for staff and pupils;
- Increase the mode share of public transport by 2.5% for staff and pupils; and
- Increase awareness of cycling, walking and car sharing as viable options available to access the site for parents.

5.3 Whilst the Council's Highways Team supported such travel planning initiatives, they also stated that the Travel Plan was outside the planning process.

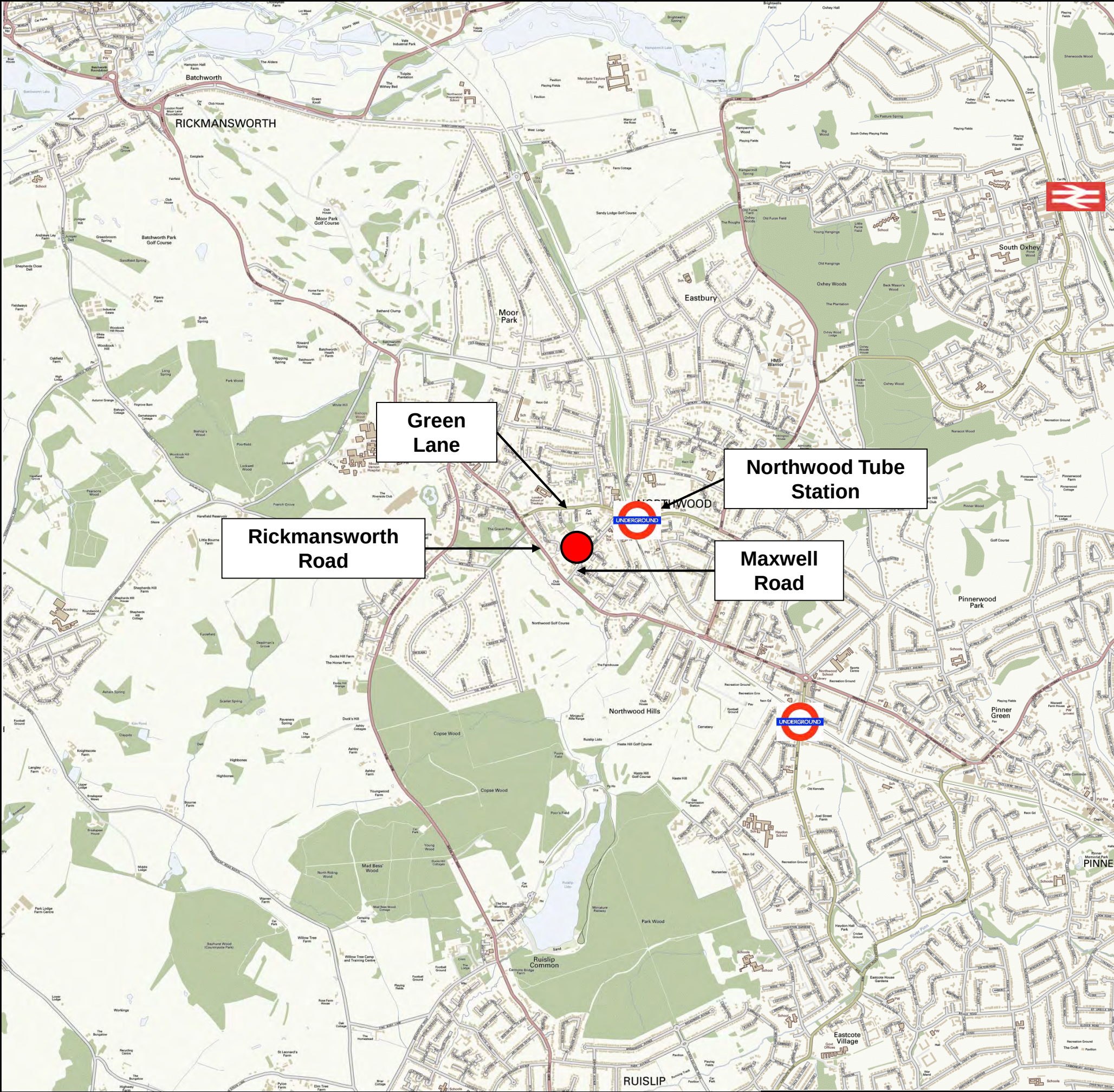
5.4 Northwood College currently has a School Travel Plan for the 2014-2017 period which they are committed to review at the end of this school year and to produce a new Travel Plan for the next monitoring period, i.e. starting with the new school year in September 2017.

5.5 As such, the applicant will continue to deal with these matters outside the planning system.

6 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

- 6.1 This TS provides an update on the transport implications to renew a 3 year temporary planning permission for temporary teaching accommodation on the Northwood College site.
- 6.2 As established above, the pupil's number have not increased with respect to the previous planning application and, therefore, all the transport work previously undertaken represents a robust basis to assess the effects of the development proposals.
- 6.3 Vectos have engaged with the Northwood School Management Team which confirmed that there are no relevant traffic issues in the vicinity of the school.
- 6.4 Furthermore, Northwood College is currently implementing a number of sustainable travel measures as part of their School Travel Plan which will continue to be taken forward outside the planning system.
- 6.5 Vectos considers that there are no outstanding issues on highways and transportation grounds associated with the renewal of temporary permission for the Northwood College and, therefore, development proposals should not be refused on such grounds.

FIGURES



Key:

-  Northwood College Site
-  Railway Station
-  London Underground Station

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Site Location Plan
Strategic Context

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