

Sustainable Travel Policy

Section 73 Operational Update

Proposed Use: Change of use from Residential Dwelling (Class C3) to Residential Children's Care Home (Class C2)

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1. Introduction

This Sustainable Travel Policy has been prepared to support the operation of the approved children's residential care home and accompanies a Section 73 application seeking to vary conditions relating to staffing and occupancy.

The purpose of this policy is to demonstrate how staff travel will be actively managed in order to limit vehicle movements, reduce parking demand and promote sustainable modes of transport, in line with local and national planning objectives.

The policy forms part of the overall management framework for the home and will be implemented and monitored by the Registered Manager.

2. Site Context and Accessibility

The site is located within an established residential area and benefits from access to local services, pedestrian routes and public transport options. The surrounding area is typical of residential neighbourhoods where walking, cycling and public transport are realistic travel choices for staff and visitors.

The operation of the home has already been accepted in principle through the grant of planning permission, and the current application does not propose any changes to access arrangements or the physical layout of the site.

3. Staffing Model and Travel Patterns

The care home will operate as a small scale residential setting accommodating a maximum of three children. Staffing levels are controlled and proportionate to the size of the home.

Care staff operate on extended shift patterns, typically ranging between 24 and 48 hours. This approach significantly reduces the frequency of staff changeovers and limits daily travel movements associated with multiple short shifts.

The Registered Manager and Deputy Manager undertake office based and supervisory roles and are typically present during standard daytime hours only. Their attendance does not give rise to regular peak time travel patterns.

As a result, staff travel associated with the operation of the home is inherently limited and predictable.

4. Sustainable Travel Measures

The operator is committed to encouraging and facilitating sustainable modes of travel as part of the ongoing management of the home.

Staff will be actively encouraged to consider walking and cycling where practicable. Opportunities for car sharing will be promoted among staff members, particularly where shift patterns align. The use of public transport will also be encouraged and supported where available.

These measures will be embedded through induction, ongoing staff communication and rota planning. Where possible, staffing arrangements will be coordinated to minimise unnecessary trips and avoid peak travel times.

The approach is focused on influencing travel behaviour rather than reliance on physical infrastructure, ensuring flexibility while maintaining control over vehicle movements.

5. Visitors and Professional Appointments

Visits by professionals such as social workers, therapists and other stakeholders will be managed by appointment and coordinated by the management team.

Appointments will be scheduled to avoid unnecessary overlap and to ensure that travel demand remains spread throughout the day. Where appropriate, virtual meetings will be utilised to further reduce travel.

6. Monitoring and Review

Responsibility for implementing and monitoring this Sustainable Travel Policy will sit with the Registered Manager.

The effectiveness of the policy will be reviewed periodically as part of wider management oversight, with adjustments made where necessary to ensure that travel demand remains controlled and sustainable practices are promoted.

7. Conclusion

This Sustainable Travel Policy demonstrates that staff and visitor travel associated with the children's residential care home will be actively managed and kept to a minimum.

Through extended staff shifts, encouragement of sustainable travel modes, promotion of car sharing and careful scheduling of visits, the operation of the home will not result in any material increase in vehicle movements or parking demand.

The policy supports the proposed Section 73 variation and reinforces the commitment to responsible management and sustainable operation within a residential setting.