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**Change of Use of a Former Police Station to a Children's Day Nursery
2 Murray Road, Northwood HA6 2NY**

Transport Statement

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2 Murray Road Northwood Children's Day Nursery Travel Plan Framework

Business Premises: 2 Murray Road, Northwood HA6 2YN

Hours Of Opening: Monday to Friday 7.30am to 6.30pm

Introduction

This document has been produced to support the planning application for a change of use of 2 Murray Road, Northwood to a Children's Day Nursery accommodating up to 117 children aged 6 months to 4 years.

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide a framework for a Travel Plan for the nursery, identifying measures that could be implemented by the nursery as initiatives to reduce car use as the main mode of transport to and from nursery.

This document will also identify measures to reduce the potential conflict of various road users accessing the nursery at school peak times.

Background

The proposed nursery is located on Murray Road which falls within a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) (Ref: 'N') which prohibits vehicle parking from Monday to Friday between the hours of 1pm – 2pm. Single yellow lines are also present on both sides of the road in proximity to the site which restrict on-street parking from Monday to Saturday between the hours of 8am – 6.30pm. An additional traffic regulation order (TRO) is also present which restricts the stopping of buses and >5T vehicles between Midnight – 8am and 6.30pm – Midnight.

Drop off and collection times are to be staggered from 7:30am until 10am in the morning and 4pm and 6.30pm. It is anticipated that the majority of traffic will be generated between the hours of 8:00 – 9:00 am and 5:00 – 6:00pm.

Existing Off-Street Parking

The building currently has the capacity for approx. 11 spaces which it is intended to be restricted for use by disabled drivers, parents and guardians .

Travel Plan Framework

General

- 1) Appointment of a designated Travel Co-ordinator from the nursery management team. The Travel co-ordinator would take forward proposals for a Travel Plan, develop and monitor the Plan.
- 2) Travel Plan to be displayed on the nursery website. Providing information on the nursery environmental aims, opening times, parking constraints, accessibility by bus, cycling and walking etc.
- 3) Travel Co-ordinator would develop strategies to minimise the use of car trips and promote other means of travel to the nursery.
- 4) Travel Co-ordinator would discourage customer and non-customer parking in the nursery car park through appropriate means including signage.

Staff

- 1) Create a car share scheme for staff where one member of staff collects others to bring them to and from nursery
- 2) Guaranteed lift home for staff, who do not bring a car to work, in emergency or illness situation.
- 3) Changing room and lockers will be made available for all staff to allow them to change if they have cycled or ran etc.
- 4) Safe storage for bicycles will be available for staff who cycle to work.
- 5) Encourage staff who need to bring their car to work to park within nearby Public car parks.
- 6) Public transport timetables will be provided to all staff living out of walking distance to the nursery.
- 7) Working hours of any staff who cannot walk or cycle to nursery will be taken into consideration in staff contracts to ensure the option of public transport can be achieved for all our staff.

Consideration of inclusion of above in staff contracts.

Parents / Guardians

- 1) Issue the Travel Plan and environmental aims of the nursery, to every prospective customer.
- 2) Parent and Guardian access to the nursery will be to the side of the building and will be clearly signposted.

3) Parents and Guardians will be made aware of the parking restrictions on street in the vicinity of the nursery. A suggested parking exclusion zone map will also be given to all parents.

4) Buggy and Bike sheds will be available for all parents / children to encourage them to walk/cycle to nursery. There will be at least 10 cycle parking spaces.