

Manarah After School Club

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1 SUMMARY

This Travel Plan Statement has been prepared for Manarah After School Club, held at 10-11 Bentinck Road, West Drayton. This building is currently being used as an after school tuition support centre and provides young persons aged between 5 and 16 years with classes in English, Arabic, Islamic Studies and Maths. There is considerable demand for such classes in the local area and this sort of after school facility is highly beneficial to the local community and helps to maintain high levels of education. It gives young people alternatives to anti-social behaviour on the streets in the vicinity. Running as a not for profit tuition centre provides parents an affordable service and activity for their children.

This Travel Plan Statement sets out a policy for the site to encourage use of sustainable transport through positive action. This is important to help Manarah After School Club to manage travel to and from the site, and to provide a more sustainable working environment while incorporating environmental responsibility within its students.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Site Overview

Manarah After School Club is located at Unit 10-11 Bentick Court, Bentick Road, West Drayton UB7 7RQ. It is a suburban town in the London Borough of Hillingdon. A map of the site is shown below.



Source: Google Maps

Bentinck Road is a one-way road with surfaced footways along both sides. The site is within a residential area and controlled parking zone, which restricts parking on street to permit holders only (zone Y1) between 09:00-18:00hrs Monday to Saturday. Where on-street parking bays are not present, the carriageway is subject to single and double yellow line waiting restrictions.

Public Transport

The site is within 350 yards of West Drayton railway station and has bus stops within 250m, on the High Street. In addition to this, there are bus stops located outside West Drayton station which provides access to five frequent and regular bus services.

PTAL Score

With reference to TfL's online Planning Information Database, the site scores a PTAL rating of 3 which represents a 'moderate' level of public transport accessibility.

Site Operation

The rooms will be used between 5pm and 7pm Monday to Friday and 10:30am to 1:00pm at the weekend. No other activities are planned to take place at the centre. As the majority of students that come to the centre live locally and almost all within a 1 mile radius, walking is the main mode of transport and the preferred way to travel to the centre. The small number that come by car are dropped off and picked up from in front of the building and the impact on parking and traffic flow is negligible.

2.2 Travel Plan Statement Motivations

The main motivations for producing the Travel Plan Statement are:

- Maintaining the minimal environmental impact of the centre
- To set an example to students that they will carry with them into adulthood
- To ensure the centre has a travel plan in place that encourages sustainable transport

2.3 Travel Plan Policy

A successful travel plan will influence travel behaviour of site users. The aim is to reduce reliance on single occupancy car journeys and increase use of sustainable transport modes (walking, cycling, public transport and car sharing). In doing so a travel plan can:

- have economic benefits at both organisational and personal level, reducing operational costs and travel costs of individuals
- improve site accessibility
- help reduce local congestion and parking problems
- help reduce carbon emissions and other pollution
- promote healthy lifestyles among site users
- help an organisation to consider social responsibility and be a good neighbour.

The **Government** has established the need to reduce car dependency and increase travel choices through key guidance in the Road Traffic Reduction Act, the National Planning Policy Framework and the Planning Policy Guidance (PPG) 13 (Transport). Of these, PPG 13 provides the strongest imperative for travel plans.

Transport for London (TfL) is a statutory body responsible for London's transport system. In London, travel plan development and implementation is promoted by TfL and the Greater London Authority.

3. SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL OPTIONS

Manarah After School Club is expected to serve up to 35 children daily between 17:00 and 19:00 hrs between Monday and Friday, and on Saturday and Sunday between 10:30 and 13:00 hrs. The majority of them live locally and walk to the centre.

A small number are dropped to the site by car and we propose to promote car sharing between students who know each other socially and with parents leading an informal car sharing scheme. Single occupancy vehicles does not really occur as any vehicles that do arrive on site are occupied by minimum two people, parent/carer and student. They do not wait on the street but leave within minutes. Nevertheless, these would be the visitors we focus our efforts on to encourage use of sustainable transport.

For those that live outside a walkable distance, cycling will also be encouraged by promoting Hillingdon Council's Bikeability training while also promoting the free adult cycle training available to parents of students.

As our centre encompasses students during educational transitional periods, we will also have publicity material on getting a Zip Oyster card to encourage use of public transport.

In terms of staff, the centre has 4 number of staff, all of which live locally and travel to the centre on foot, cycle or public transport. On the occasional times any staff member uses a car, there is an off-road parking space.

Sustainable transport will also be promoted to the staff so that they can all become green travel ambassadors and fully understand the Travel Plan. We will also give all staff a pedometer to encourage a daily step challenge and walking more.

4. MONITORING, REVIEW AND EVALUATION

Implementation of the Action Plan is an ongoing process. This requires monitoring and review to ensure the Travel Plan Statement remains relevant to the site and its users. We will carry out an annual survey of how our students and staff are travelling to and from the centre with a view to reducing the number of single occupancy car journeys that take place to and from the site.

5. TRAVEL PLAN CONTACT DETAILS

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