



J000596-SR01
March 2025

Conversion of Former Methodist Church to 7 Residential Dwellings

Carr Lane, Slaithwaite

Site Accessibility Audit

Prepared on behalf of:

Noord Developments

CONTENTS

1.0 SITE ACCESSIBILITY AUDIT

- 1.1 Introduction
- 1.2 Accessibility to Local Facilities (Walking and Cycling)
- 1.3 Access to Public Transport
- 1.4 Accessibility Summary

FIGURES

- Figure SR1 Site Location: Strategic Context
- Figure SR2 Site Location: Local Context
- Figure SR3a&b Everyday Shops & Services Within a 2km Walk Catchment
- Figure SR4 2km & 5km Cycle Catchments from the Application Site
- Figure SR5 Available Local Bus Stops and Routes to the Application Site
- Figure SR6 Available Local Bus & Rail Connections to the Application Site
- Figure SR7 West Yorkshire Rail Map

1.0 SITE ACCESSIBILITY AUDIT

1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 Development of the application site at Carr Lane for residential land use would need to satisfy the key planning and transport related sustainability objectives of:

- Reducing the need to travel, especially by private car;
- Ensuring accessibility to a range of sustainable travel options.

1.1.2 The nature of local sustainable transport connections available within the immediate catchment of the application site are summarised in the paragraphs below.

1.2 Accessibility to Local Facilities (Walking and Cycling)

1.2.1 National planning guidance notes that walking is the most important mode of travel at the local scale, offering the greatest potential to replace short distance car trips of under 2km. Guidance produced by CIHT also notes that 800m represents an ‘acceptable’ walking distance to community facilities and shops, with 1.2km representing a ‘preferred maximum’. 2km has been identified as a suitable walk distance for regular commuting trips and journeys to and from school.

1.2.2 The application site is located on the north-eastern length of Carr Lane, circa 160m beyond the section of Carr Lane which contains many of Slaithwaite’s local shops and services (see **Figure SR1&2**). Footways are present along both sides of the Carr Lane carriageway enabling safe and direct access to the centre of Slaithwaite.

1.2.3 The location of the application site provides the opportunity for access to a varied range of local shops and services by foot or cycle. **Figures SR3a&b** to this report illustrate local walking catchments when measured from the application site southern boundary (Carr Lane) and demonstrate that the following everyday destinations lie within a convenient and practical walking distance, including:

- Primary schools and nursery /preschool provision.
- Local shopping / community facilities including foodstores.

- Medical surgeries and pharmacy.
 - Play parks / recreation ground and sports clubs including canal towpath.
 - Library and Leisure Centre with pool
 - Public houses / restaurants / takeaways;
 - Business park / Industrial Estate / Employment Zones.
- 1.2.4 National planning guidance also notes that cycling has the potential to substitute for short car trips, particularly those of less than 5km or which could form part of a longer journey by public transport. A 5km cycle journey from the application site allows access across all of Slaithwaite and extends to include Marsden to the west and the western outskirts of Huddersfield, to the east (see **Figure SR4**).

1.3 Access to Public Transport

Bus Links

- 1.3.1 The closest bus stops to the application site are located on Carr Lane, with the westbound bus stop being directly opposite the application site (see **Figure SR5**). The eastbound bus stop is circa 40m to the east of the site, near to the junction of Carr Lane with Station Road.
- 1.3.2 The Carr Lane bus stops are characterised by simple flagpost stops with passenger timetable information board and low-level kerbs. The stops are served by the number 382 service (see **Figure SR6**), which provides connections between Huddersfield bus station and Wilberlee, via Cowlersley and Linthwaite. The route offers an hourly Monday - Saturday service from 07:00 - 21:00 (and a circa 2 hourly service on Sundays).
- 1.3.3 The 395 service also calls at the eastbound bus stop on Carr Lane, providing an alternative link to Huddersfield and offering a two hourly daytime service Monday to Saturday with no Sunday service

Rail Links

- 1.3.4 In addition to these immediate local bus connections, Slaithwaite railway station is located approximately 270m walk/cycle from the northern boundary of the application site via the Station Road corridor.
- 1.3.5 A half hourly service operates between Manchester Piccadilly and Huddersfield during the weekday peak periods (06:00-09:30 and 15:30-19:30) which reduces to an hourly service in the daytime interpeak period and in the evenings until 22:30. The journey time from Slaithwaite to Huddersfield is 5 minutes and to Manchester Piccadilly is 35 minutes
- 1.3.6 Alternate trains continue from Huddersfield to York via Leeds with the journey from Slaithwaite taking just over an hour to reach York on a direct service. Changes can also be made at Huddersfield and Leeds for services to local destinations (see **Figure SR7**).

1.4 **Accessibility Summary**

- 1.4.1 Overall it is concluded that the application site at Carr Lane represents a suitable location for residential development, being situated within an existing mature residential area and within a practical walking and cycling distance of a local bus connection, rail station and a range of everyday local shops, services & facilities.
- 1.4.2 Such locational characteristics would assist in meeting the sustainable residential planning objectives of promoting opportunities for the use of alternative travel modes to the private car and thereby help manage the overall traffic impact associated with new development.