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change of use from vacant former church (use class F1f) to form nursery (use class Ef) with outdoor play area and associated new mezzanine for tuition centre (use class F1a) and associated car parking.

1. Introduction

This Travel Plan has been prepared in support of the proposed change of use of the former Fartown Trinity Methodist Church on Spaines Road, Huddersfield, to provide an early-years nursery and tuition centre, together with associated internal including a new internal mezzanine floor and external alterations to form external play area. The purpose of the Travel Plan is to promote sustainable travel, encourage responsible use of the available parking provision and establish practical arrangements for managing vehicle movements associated with the proposed uses.

The site will accommodate 2no complementary activities:

- an early-years nursery and an after-school tuition centre. The operating arrangements will be coordinated to minimise unnecessary overlap between the principal arrival and departure periods associated with each use.
- The Travel Plan recognises the importance of providing safe and convenient access for children, parents, staff and visitors while making effective use of the existing site and avoiding unnecessary pressure on the surrounding highway network.

2. Site and Proposed Development

The application site comprises the former church building and its associated grounds on Spaines Road, Huddersfield.

The proposed development will provide:

- An early-years nursery within the existing building.
- A tuition centre incorporating a new internal mezzanine floor.
- 9no on-site car parking spaces.

- 10no covered and lockable cycle parking spaces.
- Dedicated outdoor play provision comprising approximately 64 m² of soft play area and 32 m² of hard play area.
- Associated access, circulation and servicing arrangements.

The proposed layout retains on-site car parking while providing a secure outdoor environment for nursery children. The car parking arrangement incorporates a turning area intended to allow vehicles to leave the site in forward driving gear to respect highways safety. The provision of outdoor play space is an important component of the development. The Travel Plan therefore seeks to manage transport demand efficiently within the available site rather than assume that additional land can be allocated to parking.

3. Objectives

The principal objectives of the Travel Plan are to:

- Encourage walking, cycling and public transport use where practicable.
- Promote voluntary car sharing among staff.
- Coordinate the operating hours of the nursery and tuition centre to reduce overlapping travel demand.
- Manage nursery drop-off and collection arrangements to minimise unnecessary vehicle waiting and circulation.
- Encourage the efficient use of the available on-site parking provision.
- Reduce the potential for inappropriate parking or vehicle stopping on Spaines Road and neighbouring streets.
- Promote safe pedestrian movement between vehicles and the building.
- Review transport arrangements after the development becomes operational and introduce reasonable improvements where necessary.

4. Sustainable Travel

4.1 Walking

Walking will be encouraged for staff, parents and visitors who live within a convenient distance of the site. Where appropriate, the operator will provide information about pedestrian access and encourage families to consider walking for regular journeys. Particular attention will be given to child safety during arrival and departure periods. Parents and carers will be encouraged to supervise children appropriately when approaching and leaving the premises.

4.2 Cycling

The development incorporates 10no covered and lockable cycle parking spaces. This provision will encourage cycling by staff, parents and other users where suitable cycling routes and individual circumstances permit. The operator will make staff aware of the cycle parking facilities and encourage their use as an alternative to travelling by car.

4.3 Public Transport

The site is on a bus route with bus stops near the site. Staff and parents will be encouraged to consider public transport where suitable services are available for their journeys. The operator may provide general information about local bus services and other relevant public transport options as part of its staff induction and travel information. The availability and suitability of public transport will depend on individual travel origins, service times and working arrangements.

5. Staff Travel and Car Sharing

The operator will encourage staff to consider car sharing where practicable. Employees who live in the same or neighbouring areas, or who have compatible journeys and working hours, will be encouraged to explore shared travel arrangements.

The following measures will be considered:

- Inviting staff to express an interest in voluntary car sharing.
- Encouraging employees with compatible journeys to coordinate their travel.
- Considering staff rotas and working arrangements where practicable to facilitate shared journeys.
- Promoting awareness of walking, cycling and public transport alternatives.
- Reviewing staff parking arrangements to encourage efficient use of the available spaces.

Car sharing will remain voluntary and subject to employees' personal circumstances, safeguarding responsibilities and operational requirements. The operator recognises that staff travel patterns may vary. Accordingly, car sharing will form part of a wider approach to managing parking demand rather than being relied upon as the sole means of controlling vehicle movements.

6. Nursery Drop-Off and Collection

Nursery arrival and departure periods require particular consideration because parents may need to accompany young children between their vehicles and the premises. Similarly, parents can also car share to drop and pick up children to promote a sustainable travel mode. The operator will establish practical drop-off and collection arrangements intended to minimise congestion, unnecessary waiting and conflicts between pedestrians and vehicles.

The following measures will be implemented or considered as appropriate:

- Parents will be provided with clear information about arrival and collection procedures.
- Where practicable, arrival and collection arrangements will be organised to avoid unnecessary concentration of vehicles at the same time.
- Parents will be encouraged to complete drop-off and collection promptly and to avoid occupying parking spaces for longer than necessary.

Pedestrian movements between car parking areas and the nursery primary main and secondary entrances will be managed with children's safety as the priority. Vehicles will be directed to use the designated access and circulation areas in accordance with the approved site layout. Parents will be discouraged from stopping in locations that obstruct access, impede vehicle manoeuvring or create hazards for pedestrians and other road users. The operator will seek to ensure that the arrangements remain appropriate to the needs of young children, including those requiring additional assistance when entering or leaving the premises.

The Travel Plan does not assume that parents can routinely stop on Spaines Road. The intention is to manage arrivals and departures through the site's available facilities and appropriate operational procedures.

7. Tuition Centre: Operating Hours and Arrival Management

The tuition centre will principally operate during after-school periods, with its timetable arranged to coordinate with the nursery's operating arrangements. Where practicable, tuition sessions will be scheduled to minimise overlap with the busiest nursery drop-off and collection periods.

This approach is intended to reduce the likelihood of simultaneous peaks in vehicle movements and improve the efficient use of the available parking and circulation areas.

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The operator will consider the following measures:

- Scheduling tuition sessions during after-school periods.
- Coordinating class start and finish times to avoid unnecessary concentration of arrivals and departures.
- Providing clear information to parents regarding tuition-session times and arrival procedures.
- Encouraging prompt drop-off and collection.
- Avoiding arrangements that unnecessarily conflict with nursery arrival and departure periods.
- Reviewing the timetable if operational experience identifies recurring congestion or parking difficulties.

The tuition centre's operating timetable will be managed as an integral part of the site's overall transport arrangements. The intention is to achieve a practical balance between the two uses, allowing the premises to function efficiently without creating avoidable pressure on the surrounding highway network.

8. Car Parking and Site Circulation

The proposed development provides 8no normal and 1no accessible on-site car parking spaces. The operator will manage the car parking arrangements to support the needs of staff, parents and visitors while maintaining safe circulation within the site.

The principal management measures will include:

- Encouraging staff to consider car sharing and sustainable travel alternatives.
- Coordinating staff working arrangements where practicable.
- Managing nursery drop-off and collection periods.
- Scheduling tuition-centre sessions to reduce overlapping peak demand.
- Ensuring that vehicles use the designated parking and circulation areas.
- Keeping access and manoeuvring areas clear of inappropriate stopping or obstruction.

The site layout includes a turning head area intended to allow vehicles to leave in forward driving gear. This arrangement is intended to assist safe vehicle circulation and reduce the need for vehicles to reverse onto the adjoining highway. The effectiveness of the car parking arrangements will depend on compliance with the site layout and the operator's management procedures. The operator will not rely on

unrestricted on-street car parking as the principal means of accommodating demand associated with the development.

9. Pedestrian Safety and Safeguarding
The safety of children is a fundamental consideration in the operation of the nursery. Vehicle movements, car parking and pedestrian access will be managed to minimise conflicts between vehicles and children. The dedicated outdoor play area will be separated from vehicle movements through the proposed boundary treatment enclosed with 1800 timber fencing arrangements, particularly to respect safeguarding requirements.

Parents and carers will be provided with appropriate instructions regarding access, drop-off and collection. Staff will be expected to follow the operator's procedures for supervising children and managing movements between the building and outdoor areas. The operator will review the practical arrangements following occupation and make reasonable adjustments if any recurring safety concerns are identified.

10. Servicing and Deliveries
Deliveries and servicing will be arranged, where practicable, to avoid the busiest nursery arrival and departure periods. The operator will seek to ensure that deliveries do not obstruct the site entrance, designated parking spaces, pedestrian access or vehicle manoeuvring areas. Waste storage and collection will be managed in accordance with the approved site waste arrangements requirements.

11. Monitoring and Review
The operator will review the effectiveness of the Travel Plan after the development becomes operational.

The review will consider:

- Whether staff car-sharing arrangements are being used.
- Whether the car parking provision is functioning effectively.
- Whether nursery drop-off and collection arrangements are operating satisfactorily.
- Whether tuition-centre timetabling is helping to reduce overlapping travel demand.
- Whether any recurring parking, circulation or pedestrian-safety concerns arise.
- Whether provision of EVCP to be assessed an updated to suit

- Whether reasonable changes to operational procedures would improve the management of the site.

Where appropriate, the operator will introduce proportionate improvements to the travel arrangements in response to identified issues. The review will focus on practical measures that can be implemented by the operator and that are compatible with the safe and efficient operation of the nursery and tuition centre.

12. Conclusion

This Travel Plan establishes a practical framework for managing travel associated with the proposed Wonder Bees Early Years and Nursery and tuition centre. The approach combines sustainable travel promotion, voluntary staff car sharing, voluntary parents car sharing, managed nursery drop-off and collection arrangements, coordinated after-school tuition sessions and efficient use of the proposed 9no on-site car parking spaces.

The coordination of operating hours is intended to reduce overlapping peak travel demand, while the provision of covered cycle parking supports alternative travel choices. The operator will review the effectiveness of these arrangements following occupation and make reasonable operational adjustments where necessary. Taken together, these travel plan measures seek to support the successful operation of both uses while managing car parking demand, protecting pedestrian safety and minimising avoidable impacts on the surrounding highway network.

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