

The Heights Primary School – proposed increase in PAN (RBC 230123)

Note on cycle parking for pupils

8 November 2023

The Transport Development Control Manager has requested further information on pupil cycle parking.

Current provision (as detailed in Car Park Management Plan para 2.13 et seq):

		Existing	Proposed
Position 1 (west of staff car park for KS1 pupils):	Cycle	30	30
	Scooter	24	24
	<i>Sub-total</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>54</i>
Position 2 (adjoining MUGA for KS2 pupils)	Cycle	12 *	22 **
	Scooter	10	10
	<i>Sub-total</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>32</i>
TOTAL		76	86

* plus 10 staff cycle spaces. There is no increase in staff numbers so no additional cycle parking is required for staff.

** THPS has ordered two new cycle racks to supplement provision in the KS2 cycle parking area with a capacity of 10 spaces.

Reading BC cycle parking requirements

Reading Borough Local Plan (November 2019) Policy TR5 requires parking provision in line with the Revised Parking Standards and Design SPD (October 2011).

The THPS site lies within parking zone 3 (map SPD p9)

Minimum cycle parking provision for primary schools (SPD p25) is as follows:

- 1 space/5 FTE staff (though the comments suggest 1 space/1 staff)
- 1 space/15 pupils (Y1-3) (noting this does not refer to Reception classes)
- 1 space/10 pupils (Y4-6)

The proposed increase in PAN would take the number of pupils to 420, comprising 240 in Reception/KS1 and 180 in KS2. This would require some 34 cycle spaces (KS1 16, KS2 18).

	No of pupils	SPD requirement	Provision
Reception/KS1	240	16	54
KS2	180	18	32
Total	420	34	86

Alternatively, the additional 40 YR/KS1 pupils and 30 KS2 pupils would require a total of 6 more spaces. The hands-up survey reported in the submitted Transport Assessment showed that 18% pupils cycle/scoot to school (76 pupils); the video survey suggests the actual number is somewhat lower at 6% (25 pupils). Even assuming the higher figure, the excess capacity of some 10 spaces will be sufficient to meet the additional 6 spaces required by the standard.

Comments

The proposed provision of some 86 spaces is clearly well in excess of the SPD requirement of 34 across the school as a whole.

It also exceeds the current highest level of use shown in the hands-up survey (76) plus the 6 additional spaces required by the standard.

Either way, there is ample cycle/scooter provision.

MI/for THPS