

Sustainable Travel Policy

Proposed Use: Residential Dwelling with Care (Class C3(b)) to Residential Care Home (Class C2)

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1.0 Introduction

This Sustainable Travel Policy has been prepared in support of the proposed lawful use of 7 Glennon Close, Reading as a small residential children's home.

The purpose of this document is to demonstrate that the operation of the home will encourage responsible travel behaviour among staff and visitors while minimising traffic movements and parking pressures within the surrounding residential area.

The home will accommodate a maximum of three young residents aged between 7 and 16 who require residential care and support. Staff will provide supervision and care on a 24-hour basis, working extended shifts in order to reduce staff turnover and travel movements.

Given the small scale of the home and the operational model proposed, travel demand associated with the property will remain modest and comparable to that of a typical family dwelling.

2.0 Site Accessibility

7 Glennon Close is located within a well-established residential area of Reading with access to a range of local services and transport connections.

The surrounding area benefits from pedestrian routes and established road infrastructure connecting the site to local schools, shops, healthcare services and public transport.

The location allows staff to access the property through a variety of transport modes including walking, cycling and public transport.

This accessibility supports the promotion of sustainable travel behaviours among staff and visitors.

3.0 Cycling Provision

To support active travel, the property will provide secure cycle storage for up to three bicycles.

The cycle storage will be located within the property boundary and will be accessible to staff members working at the home.

Providing secure storage encourages staff to consider cycling as a practical option for commuting, particularly for those living within the surrounding area.

Cycling offers a sustainable alternative to private vehicle use and contributes to reduced traffic levels within residential streets.

4.0 Staff Travel Behaviour

The operational model of the home has been designed specifically to minimise staff travel movements.

Staff will work extended shifts of between 24 and 48 hours. This approach significantly reduces the frequency of staff changeovers and therefore reduces the number of daily journeys associated with the property.

For example, instead of multiple staff travelling to and from the property across several shift changes each day, the extended shift structure allows fewer journeys to occur throughout the week.

This approach supports both sustainable transport objectives and residential amenity by limiting vehicle movements within the surrounding streets.

5.0 Car Use and Parking Management

The property will operate with a limited number of staff present at any one time due to the small scale of the home.

As a result, the level of parking demand associated with the property will remain modest and comparable to a typical household.

Staff will be encouraged to travel by sustainable means where possible. Where staff do travel by car, they will be instructed to park responsibly and avoid causing obstruction within the surrounding residential area.

The extended shift pattern also reduces peak arrival and departure times, meaning that staff arrivals will not occur simultaneously.

6.0 Public Transport and Local Services

The property is located within reasonable proximity to local services and amenities within Reading.

This includes access to local shops, healthcare services and education facilities, which can be reached by walking, cycling or public transport.

Encouraging staff to utilise local transport options where possible supports sustainable travel behaviour and reduces reliance on private vehicles.

7.0 Monitoring and Review

The travel practices associated with the home will be reviewed periodically by the management team.

Staff travel behaviour and parking arrangements will be monitored to ensure that the measures outlined in this policy continue to operate effectively.

Where opportunities arise to further encourage sustainable travel methods, these will be incorporated into staff guidance and operational procedures.

8.0 Conclusion

The proposed residential children's home at 7 Glennon Close will operate with a limited number of residents and staff, resulting in modest travel demand comparable to that of a typical residential household.

The provision of secure cycle storage, combined with extended staff shift patterns and encouragement of sustainable travel options, will help minimise traffic movements associated with the property.

These measures demonstrate that the home will operate responsibly within the surrounding residential environment while supporting sustainable transport principles.