

**SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION TO NO. 257 FOLLOWING
DEMOLITION OF EXISTING PORTACABIN BUILDING, CHANGE OF
USE OF GROUND FLOOR OF NO. 255 TO ADDITIONAL DOCTORS'
SURGERY ACCOMMODATION AND ALTERATIONS TO FIRST
FLOOR TO PROVIDE A TWO BED FLAT
255-257 WHITLEY WOOD ROAD, READING RG2 8LE**

**FURTHER ANALYSIS OF PATIENT TRAVEL SURVEY
MARCH 2026**

1. The South Reading Surgery undertook a further Patient Travel Survey during the period Monday 2 March 2026 to Saturday 7 March 2026 (6 days) at the request of the Council's Highway Officers to obtain a higher response rate and provide a robust analysis of patient travel patterns.
2. This note provides an update of the analysis of the patient travel survey and supersedes the analysis included in the Planning Statement dated December 2025.
3. The survey response rate was 66.3% (426 responses from 642 appointments during the week). This is considered suitable to provide reliable and robust data.
4. The updated survey shows that:
 - 50% of patients walked to the Surgery
 - 18% of patients (75 patients) drive their own car
 - 12% of patients arrived by bicycle
 - 11% of patients used a bus (The Surgery is within 50 metres of a bus stop served by the Reading Buses buzz 9 bus service and which connects Central Reading with Green Park Station via the Royal Berkshire Hospital and Whitley Wood, running hourly on weekdays and Saturdays)
 - Of the 75 patients that arrived in their own car, all (100%) parked in the street outside the Surgery

5. Based on a 66.3% response rate then on a pro rata basis, the data suggests about 113 patients per week arriving by car, or about 20 patients per day (over the 5½ days the Surgery is open). All surgery appointments are pre-booked. The Surgery is open for 10½ hours on weekdays. On this basis, it seems likely that there are rarely more than 2 or 3 patients' cars requiring to park on the street at any one time.
6. There are no on-street parking restrictions in Whitley Wood Road (except for double yellow lines at junctions). There is also on-street parking available in the lay by immediately opposite the site. Thus there is ample unrestricted on-street parking immediately outside the premises available for patients in the event that on-site parking is fully used (and noting that no patients appear to choose to park in the car park to the rear of the Surgery).
7. A figure of only 2 or 3 patients' cars at a time indicates that demand for parking appears to be low in this particular case. This is consistent with observations during site visits and from Google streetview images. Parking associated with the existing Surgery does not appear to be a local issue.
8. The proposals will increase the size of the surgery by 2 additional consulting rooms (from 5 consulting rooms and 1 treatment room to 7 consulting rooms and 1 treatment room) or about 25% increase. Applying this to the survey data suggests that the proposal could result in about 28 additional cars per week, or about 5 additional cars each day. Over a normal 10½ working day for the Surgery this equates to less than 1 additional car every 2 hours. This level of increase would be imperceptible and would not have any material impacts on highway or pedestrian safety.
9. On this basis, I conclude the proposal would not result in an unacceptable impact on highway safety, and the residual cumulative impacts on the road network would not be severe and therefore, having regard to national policy, planning permission should not be prevented or refused.

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