Travel Plan
Mansion House at Keepers Quay

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1.00 Introduction

1.01 This Travel Plan has been prepared by Urban Splash as part of their application for the development of Mansion House, on Keepers Quay in Manchester.

1.02 A Travel Plan is a general term for a package of measures aimed at promoting greener, cleaner travel choices and reducing reliance on car use, particularly when single occupancy. It involves the development of a set of initiatives and targets that reduce the impact of travel and transport on the environment, whilst also bringing a number of benefits to different stakeholders. A Travel Plan aims to encourage people to reach the leisure centre on foot, by bicycle, on public transport or by car sharing and offer wide travel choices for employees and customers.

1.03 This Travel Plan should not be considered as anti-car but to be aimed at promoting more sustainable ways of transport, which are safe, reliable and environmentally friendly.

1.04 This Travel Plan is tailored specifically for this site and identifies measures and procedures that will be provided both at the development stage and also following occupation. The physical measures will be implemented by Urban Splash prior to occupation. The management company for the estate will be responsible for the on-going implementation and promotion of the Travel Plan.

2.0 The Objectives of a Travel Plan

2.01 The general aim of a Travel Plan is to promote travel behavior that has a minimal impact on the environment and which can be sustained throughout the entire life of the development. This in practice means encouragement of sustainable modes of transport such as walking, cycling and public transport while reducing the necessity, and hence the demand, of travel by car.

2.02 This travel plan is based on two areas – The physical measures provided within the development and the details and information provided describing the opportunities for non-car means of travel to the residents.

2.03 Current central government Transport Policy Guidance PPG13 recognises the negative impacts of continued growth in road traffic, recommends a broad range of measures to help reduce congestion and improve air quality. As a part of the government's plans to reduce the effect of traffic on the environment all sizeable development proposals are assessed in respect of their accessibility by range of transport modes. It recognises that availability of the car and good parking has had a major influence on the means of transport people choose for their journeys and their ultimate destinations. Whilst the car will remain the mode of first choice for many, efforts should be made to ensure that sites are accessible by all modes and information pertaining to these modes is readily available to the traveler.

2.04 The main objectives of a Travel Plan are:

- To address the residents' requirement for access to a full range of facilities and opportunities.
- To increase the number and proportion of daily trips made by residents by walking, public transport, cycling and car share
- To secure the availability of travel information for residents, thereby to improve awareness of the range of transport options available
- To minimise the impact of traffic-related activities (noise, pollution, parking and congestion) on the local community
- To promote healthy lifestyles and a sustainable and vibrant local community.

3.0 Location, Context, Site Assessment

3.1 Location

3.11 Mansion House at Keepers Quay is located in New Islington.

Site Location Plan

3.2 Context

3.2.1 the site is located on an empty parcel of land along the Cotton Field Marina, within New Islington - which Urban Splash has being working with Manchester City Council to successfully regenerate over the last 15 years.

Urban Splash are bringing forward 40 apartments arranged within 4 connected blocks of 10 apartments – 2 apartments per floor. At the ground floor, commercial space is made available to complement the offering within the area. Externally, it will have the marina walkway to one side and a shared parking court to the rear.

3.3 Site Assessment

3.3.1 Pedestrian Infrastructure.

Safe and convenient access to Mansion House by pedestrians is important in providing a choice of transport mode for all and in reducing trips made by cars.

Pedestrian access into the development will be via routes from Winder Drive, Keepers Quay and the surrounding canal basin and marina.

3.3.2 Cycle Access

There are currently no dedicated cycle facilities within the immediate vicinity of the development site. There are however plenty of resources available to research and plan safe cycle routes on Manchester City Council and Transport for Greater Manchester websites:

http://www. https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/500356/cycling_and_walking

3.3.3 Public Transport Access

3.3.3.1 Bus

The nearest bus stops to the site are situated on Old Mill Street with an approximate walking distance of 130 metres from the site (around a 2-minute walk), consisting of shelter, a bus stop pole with passing services shown and a bus service timetable. Further bus stops are located on Great Ancoats Street, which offer shelter, seating facilities and service timetable information. There are also further bus stops located further along Old Mill Street and on Great Ancoats Street. More information can be accessed here:

https://my.tfgm.com/#/planner/

http://www.tfgm.com/journey_planning/Pages/network-maps/network-map-Manchester-North.html

3.3.3.2 Rail

The most accessible train station to the site is Manchester Piccadilly which is situated approximately 1.1 kilometres (14-minutes walking time) to the south west from the site. The station has fourteen platforms, managed by Network rail. Further information can be found here:

http://ojp.nationalrail.co.uk/service/ldbboard/dep/MAN

Metrolink light rail services are also available at the New Islington stop located 350-metres (5 minutes walking time) to the south east of the site. Information on location, services and timetables can be accessed:

http://www.metrolink.co.uk/stationinfo/Documents/12-0702%20New%20Islington%20local%20area%20map.pdf

http://www.metrolink.co.uk/Pages/default.aspx

http://www.metrolink.co.uk/stationinfo/Documents/Route_Map.pdf

3.3.4 Vehicle Access

The local highway network within the vicinity consists of minor roads through Ancoats. The site itself is located on the city centre side of New Islington, which extends west South West down the redeveloped Old Mill Street. This gives access to the City Centre, Great Ancoats Street, and Manchester inner ring road.

4.0 Development Proposals

4.1 Housing and Access

4.1.1 The development consists of

Mansion House

40 apartments and 4 commercial units

4.1.2 Occupation of the first home is expected in Spring 2021.

4.1.3 Vehicular access to the development is provided from Old Mill Street and Weybridge Road to the South and East of the development, which itself provides access to Manchester's inner ring road. Access to the development is gained through Lockyard Lane (private estate road), via Weybridge Road (which is under the control of MCC).

4.1.4 A automatic security gate system will be provided access to the secure car park. The system will provide for secure vehicle access as well as a pedestrian and cycle entrances.

4.2 Parking

4.2.1 Parking is provided on site for 16 private vehicles and allocated to an individual apartment.

4.2.2 Cycle parking will be provided within the cycle storage space in the ground floor of each core.

4.3 Residents Travel Information

4.3.1 New owners will be provided with a Travel Information Guide explaining the accessibility to the surrounding residential, commercial and leisure areas. Measures to encourage travel by non-car means.

4.3.2 The travel information Guide will include the following information:

- Local pedestrian and cycle links, routes and maps
- local cycle shops and cycling groups
- Provide information on Bicycle User Group (BUG) to promote cycling. It is anticipated that the BUG will provide support to residents and customers looking to cycle to the gym, through organising cycle maintenance support, and promotion of cycling events like National Cycle Week.
- Local Bus and train service information. Including location of bus stops and relevant contact details to obtain timetable information. 'where from, where to, how often and how long it takes' to different destinations
- Local Car Share scheme website details

4.4 Public Transport

4.4.1 The locations of the nearest Rail and tram stations, bus stops, will be provided within the Travel Information Guide together possible walking routes and any linked journeys required on other modes of travel.

5.0 Production, Implementation and Monitoring

5.01 Urban Splash will be responsible for the Mansion House Travel Plan, and for producing the Residents Travel information Guide. A named employee will act as Travel Plan Coordinator and would be responsible for the development in terms of day to day Travel plan requirements. The Coordinators Role is to monitor, implement and promote the Residential Travel plan initiatives set out in this document and within the Travel Information Guide.

5.02 On completion of the development the Management Company will be responsible for monitoring and updating the travel plan and will take on the Travel Plan Coordinators Role. Achieving the targets and objectives of the Travel Plan will be the responsibility of the Travel Plan Coordinator. In practice this will mean:

- Preparing and maintaining Travel Plan documents
- Collating and distributing up-to-date travel information to purchasers
- Promoting and marketing sustainable travel modes
- Liaising with public transport and taxi operators for providing journey information
- Arranging travel surveys of all purchasers. This can be achieved by means of a self–completion questionnaire, which will help to identify travel requirements and set targets for modal shift
- Production of survey information and monitoring reports to the public and Manchester City Council.
- Monitor the plan's effectiveness, to what extent, the Travel Plan measures are delivering and if required, how these measures can be further improved
- Marketing the Travel Plan and promote measures.

5.1 Travel Survey

5.1.1 Within three months of 50% occupancy of the residential units an annual questionnaire will be undertaken by the travel plan coordinator. The proposed survey form to be used is provided at Appendix 2. The results of the completed survey will be analysed by the Coordinator and report the results to the local

authority with suggested target areas set out. This information will be appended to the agreed Travel Plan to form the ongoing Travel plan for the site

5.1.2 Annual survey will be carried out for a period of three years from 50% occupation with the results provided to the local authority.

5.1.3 The results will be assessed by the Manco and the local Authority. The first year results will form the baseline with the aim of reducing the level of single occupancy car use over the course of the surveys.

5.1.4 The results of the first year survey will determine whether there are people living at the site who are interested in joining a car club and whether such a provision is viable.

5.1.5 In the first travel survey the Management Company will ask if residents wish to set up a residents' group at Mansion House. The Management Company will instigate the first meeting for the residents to then take the lead going forward. The residents' group, if set up, would liaise with the Management Company with regards the ongoing implementation of the travel plan.

6.0 Action Plan

An Action Plan setting out the timetable of measures proposed and the timetable for implementation:

Measure	Timescale	By
Preparation of Travel information Guide	Prior to occupation	Developer
Provision of Car Parking	Prior to occupation	Developer
Travel Plan Coordinator	Prior to occupation	Developer/Manco
Provision of public transport leaflets	During Sales and ongoing	Developer/Manco
Resident Survey undertaken	Within 3 months of 50% occupancy	Manco
Review Travel plan Measure	Within 3 months of surveys undertaken and annually for 3 years	Manco
Update plan and share results with MCC	Within 3 months of surveys undertaken and	Manco

	annually for 3 years	
Set up residents' group if there's interest	After 1st survey	Manco
Publicise Travel Awareness events	Annually	Manco

APPENDICES

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2 **Residents Survey**

3 **Residents Travel information Guide**

Appendix 1

Location Plan

Appendix 2

Residents Survey

Undertaken annually for 3 years

1. Gender

- Male
- Female

2. Age Range

- Under 20 years
- 20-24 years
- 25-29 years
- 30-39 years
- 40-49 years
- 50-59 years
- 60+ years

3. How Many people in total live in your residence

4. Do you have a disability that affects your travel arrangements?

- Yes
- No
- If yes, please explain:

5. Do you own a car?

- Yes
- No

6. Total number of cars owned by your dwelling

- None
- 1
- 2
- 3+

7. Location of employment

Full Postcode:
Town:

8. Main Method of Travel to Work

- Car Driver
- Car Passenger

- Bus
- Train
- Cycle
- Motorcycle
- Walk
- Other (please specify):

9. How Far do you travel to work

- Less than 1 mile
- Between 1 and 2 Miles
- Between 2 and 4 Miles
- Between 4 and 10 Miles
- Between 10 and 20 Miles
- Between 20 and 30 Miles
- Over 30 Miles (please give approximate distance):

10. Main Method of Travel to Leisure Activities

- Car Driver
- Car Passenger
- Bus
- Train
- Cycle
- Motorcycle
- Walk
- Other (please specify):

11. Do you Frequently walk to/from work/retail/leisure?

- Yes
- No

If YES please tick any measures that would improve your journey
If NO please tick any measures that would encourage you to walk

- Introduce new footways
- Better Maintained Footways
- Safer road crossings
- Better street lighting in the local area
- Other (please specify):

12. Do you Frequently Cycle to/from work/retail/leisure?

- Yes
- No

If YES please tick any measures that would improve your journey
If NO please tick any measures that would encourage you to cycle

- Improve cycle paths on the journey to work/retail/leisure

- Improve cycle parking at work/retail/leisure
- Improved cycle changing facilities and lockers
- Other (please specify):

13. Do you Frequently use Public Transport to/from work/retail/leisure?

- Yes
- No

- Bus
- Train

If YES please tick any measures that would improve your journey
If NO please tick any measures that would encourage you to use public transport

- More direct bus routes
- More frequent bus services
- Improved public transport information
- More convenient bus drop off points
- Better Lighting at bus shelters
- Better connections to destination from bus or train; if so state which:
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- Other (please specify):

14. If you own a car where do you park? Usually (U) or Occasionally (O)

- At House
- On-Street – no charge, located at
- On-Street – with charge, located at
- Public Car Park, located at:

15. If you use a car to travel to/from work/retail/leisure what would make you switch to another method of travel?

- Worsening traffic conditions
- Rises in petrol prices
- Discounted public transport costs
- Increases in or addition of parking costs
- Improvements in existing alternatives
- Loss of on-site parking facility at work/retail/leisure destination
- Other (please specify):

16. Do you car Share as art of a journey to work?

- Yes
- No

If YES please tick any measures that make this more effective
If NO please tick any measures that would encourage you to car share

- Interested in car sharing

- Help in finding car share partners with similar work patterns
- Free taxi home funded by employer in case of unplanned business commitment in car share partnership
- Reserved parking for car sharers at work
- Other (please specify):

17. Please add any further travel related comments you may have in the space provided below:

Appendix 3

Mansion House - Travel Information Guide

The Main Objectives of this guide are:

- To address the residents requirement for access to a full range of facilities and opportunities.
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Pedestrian Access

The development is directly linked to the existing pedestrian infrastructure of Manchester City Centre. The local footpath network includes:

Old Mill Street, Lockyard Lane, Keepers Quay, Coppersmith Road, Weybridge Road and Great Ancoats Street.

There have been infrastructure improvements across New Islington, with the new promenade and bridges linking movement into the City Centre along both the Rochdale and Ashton Canals.

Pedestrian Amenity has also been greatly enhanced with the opening of the promenade, water park, marina and Cotton Field.

Information about walking opportunities in Manchester can be found on the get walking website:

https://www.visitmanchester.com/things-to-see-and-do/activities/walking

If you need to plan a walking route with the city try using the website:

http://www.walkit.com

This is also available as an App.

Cycle Access

There are currently no dedicated cycle facilities within the immediate vicinity of the Mansion House site. There are however plenty of resources available to research and plan safe cycle routes on Manchester City Council and Transport for Greater Manchester websites:

https://tfgm.com/environment/cycling-and-walking

http://www.tfgm.com/cycling/.

http://cycling.tfgm.com/

Other opportunities for improved access to cycling are Bicycle User Groups or BUG's. These are workplace forums for cyclists of all standards and levels that support and encourage cycling. Further information on these can be found here:

http://cycling.tfgm.com/Pages/user-groups.aspx

Information on national cycling week can be found here:

http://bikeweek.org.uk/

Access to Bus Network

The site is well served by bus stops with 16no located n reasonable proximity in an area bounded by Oldham Road, Butler Street, Old Mill Street and Great Ancoats Street. More information can be accessed here:

https://my.tfgm.com/#/planner/

Access to Rail and Metro network

The Mansion House site is well served by rail and metro. There is a Metro Stop at New Islington, 350-metres (5 minutes walking time) to the south east of the site on the Ashton –u- Lyne route. Information on location, services and timetables can be accessed:

http://www.metrolink.co.uk/stationinfo/Documents/12-0702%20New%20Islington%20local%20area%20map.pdf

http://www.metrolink.co.uk/Pages/default.aspx

http://www.metrolink.co.uk/stationinfo/Documents/Route_Map.pdf

Piccadilly main line station is within 900m of the House site and can be accessed by local metro station, local bus route or on foot. Further information can be found here:

Vehicle Access

The local highway network within the vicinity of Mansion House consists of minor roads through Ancoats. Mansion House itself is located on the border of New Islington, which extends west South West down the redeveloped Old Mill Street. This gives access to the City Centre, Great Ancoats Street, and Manchester inner ring road.

There are a number of car share initiatives and alternative hire formats which may be of interest:

http://www.carsharegm.com