Change of Use Planning Application for 2 Jersey Street

Travel Plan

Overview

Located at 2 Jersey Street in Ancoats, the proposed premises benefits from excellent transport links and this is a fact we intend to use in order to promote sustainable travel. Travel plans and advice will be produced and distributed to all of the school's students and the information will also be available on the school's website.

Members of staff will be encouraged to commute in a sustainable way and will receive incentives, such as subsidised travel passes and contributions towards the purchase of bicycles.

The school has considered all possible modes of travel in preparing this travel plan. I believe that none of these transport options would have a detrimental effect on the local area.

Cars

The proposed premises lie in an easily accessible area close to Great Ancoats Street and Mancunian Way, making it open to drivers from all areas of the city. The roads around this area of Ancoats are quiet and, in the unlikely event that the majority of the small numbers of students attending the school decide to travel by car, congestion would not be created.

Although the building does not benefit from onsite parking, there are many car parks in the area and the neighbouring streets offer a multitude of affordable parking spaces within walking distance from the school. Visitors to the school would be made aware of the private parking spaces in the area and would be informed that they are not eligible to park in them.

Disabled driver are catered for with disabled car parking facilities located on the corner of Redhill Street and Great Ancoats Street. Although these spaces are not situated directly opposite the school, disabled visitors would have an unhindered journey of little more than 150 yards in order to reach the premises.

I have included a map of the local area on which I have marked the parking facilities available to visitors of the school.

Bikes
This part of the city is well furnished with cycle lanes, including lanes on Great Ancoats Street and Oldham Road. Cyclists would find the journey to the premises safe and convenient.

Although there are local areas in which cyclists could park their bikes, there may be some concern about the safety of leaving bikes exposed. For this reason, all students will be informed of the secure bike parking areas found within walking distance of the school. Maps displaying the parking areas on Oldham Street, Thomas Street and at Piccadilly Gardens will be posted on our website and at reception.

Buses
There are a number of bus stops within very short walking distance of the premises that provide access to many areas of Manchester. The closest bus stops are located on Great Ancoats Street, only a few hundred yards from the building. These bus stops are served by the 216, 217, 218, 231 and 216 bus routes. Another stop, located less than half a mile away on Oldham road, is served by the 24, 72, 74, 76, 77, 78, 80, 82, 83, 89, 180, 181, 182, 184, X75 and X84 routes.

In addition to the local bus stops mentioned above, the proposed premises benefits from being located just half a mile from Piccadilly Gardens where students and employees of the school could access bus routes servicing all parts of Manchester and Greater Manchester.

Bus timetables and travel plans will be available in the school and bus travel information would be posted on the school s website.

Train
The proposed premises are located just little more than half a mile away from Manchester Piccadilly Train Station. Visitors to the school would be able to access train services reaching throughout Greater Manchester and the country as a whole.

Tram
Piccadilly Gardens, Market Street and Shudehill Stations are all within 0.6 miles of the proposed location of the school, making them available for students and staff to use in order to commute.