TRAVEL PLAN STATEMENT

WEST WYTHENSHAWE YOUTH CENTRE
MOOR ROAD
BROOKLANDS
M23 9BQ

On Behalf of

KETUMATI BUDDHIST VIHARA TRUST
(REGISTERED CHARITY 1078173)

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 This Travel Plan Statement has been prepared in support of an application submitted on behalf of Ketumati Buddhist Vihara Trust (The Client) for the conversion of the West Wythenshawe Youth Centre into a Buddhist Temple with ancillary living accommodation for three resident monks. A Design and Access Statement associated with the application accompanies the submission.

1.2 The site (shown in drawing FPSI-BPP-C-0542/10) is located approximately 7 miles south of Manchester City Centre and approximately 4 miles north of Manchester Airport.

1.3 The main objective of the Travel Plan Statement is to reduce single occupancy car use in favour of more sustainable modes of travel, such as use of public transport, walking and cycling.

1.4 There will be sufficient parking provided for the proposed routine use of the building, as well as facilities for disabled driver access and parking. For less frequent larger gatherings the congregation will be encouraged to use the local public transport services.

1.5 The geographical areas from which the congregation is drawn, includes predominantly neighbouring boroughs and cities such as Eccles, Ashton, Wythenshawe, Stockport, Oldham, Irlam, Salford, Liverpool and Stoke.

1.6 Linkage between the site and adjoining boroughs will be significantly improved by the extension of the Metrolink line (anticipated to be operational in September 2013), providing a fast and frequent form of public transport. Metrolink works for the new line at Altrincham Road junction and Moor Road are well underway. The new Metrolink stop on Moor Road is within 200 metres from the site entrance (please see Figure 1 & 2). The line will provide access to rail services from Manchester Airport as well as a providing improved links with bus services through the interchange in Manchester City Centre and new interchange in Wythenshawe town centre.

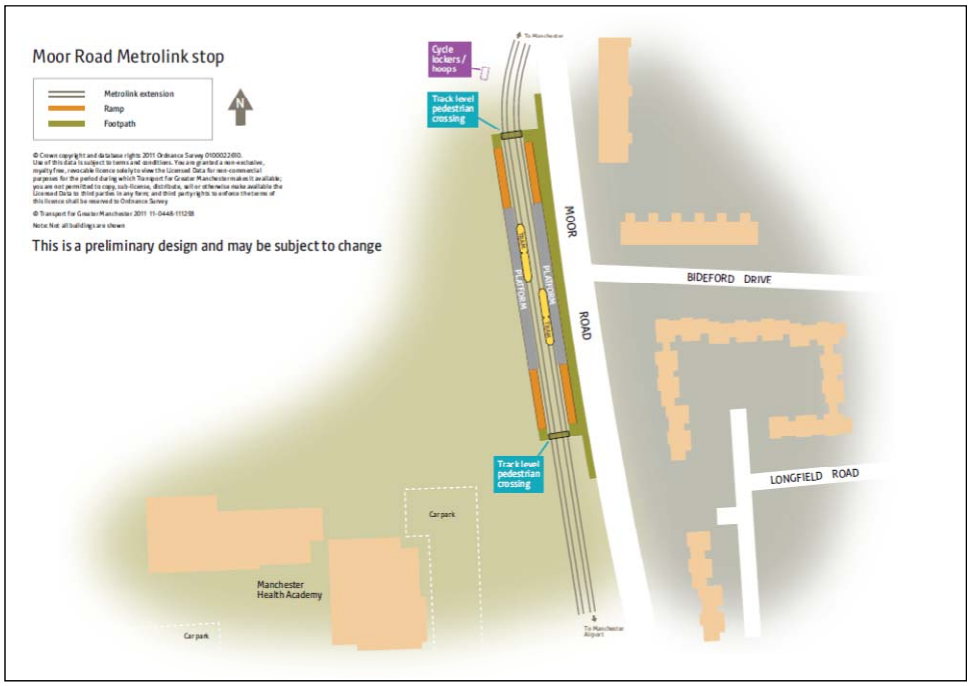

Figure 1: Moor Road Metrolink Stop.

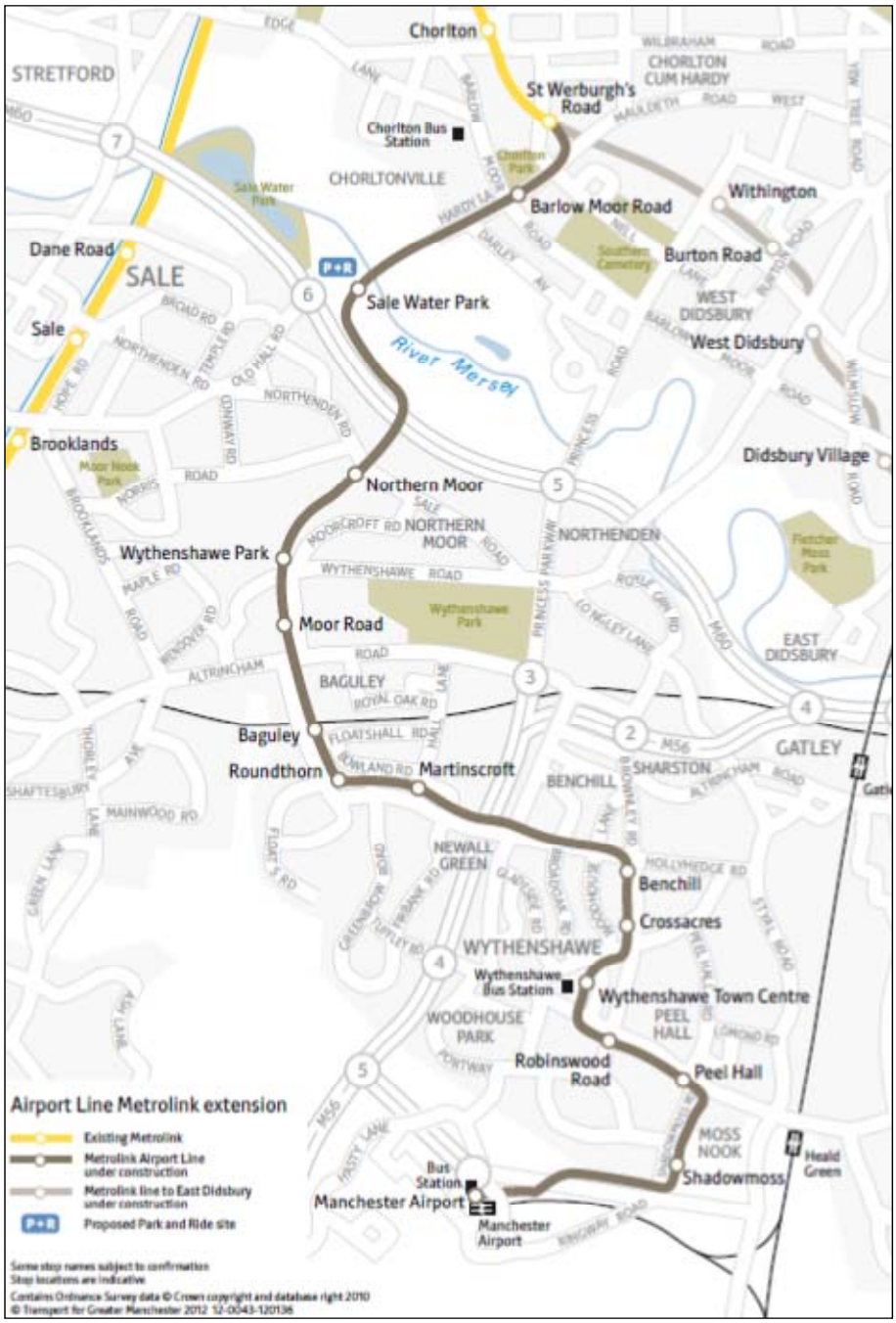

Figure 2: Metrolink Line extension.

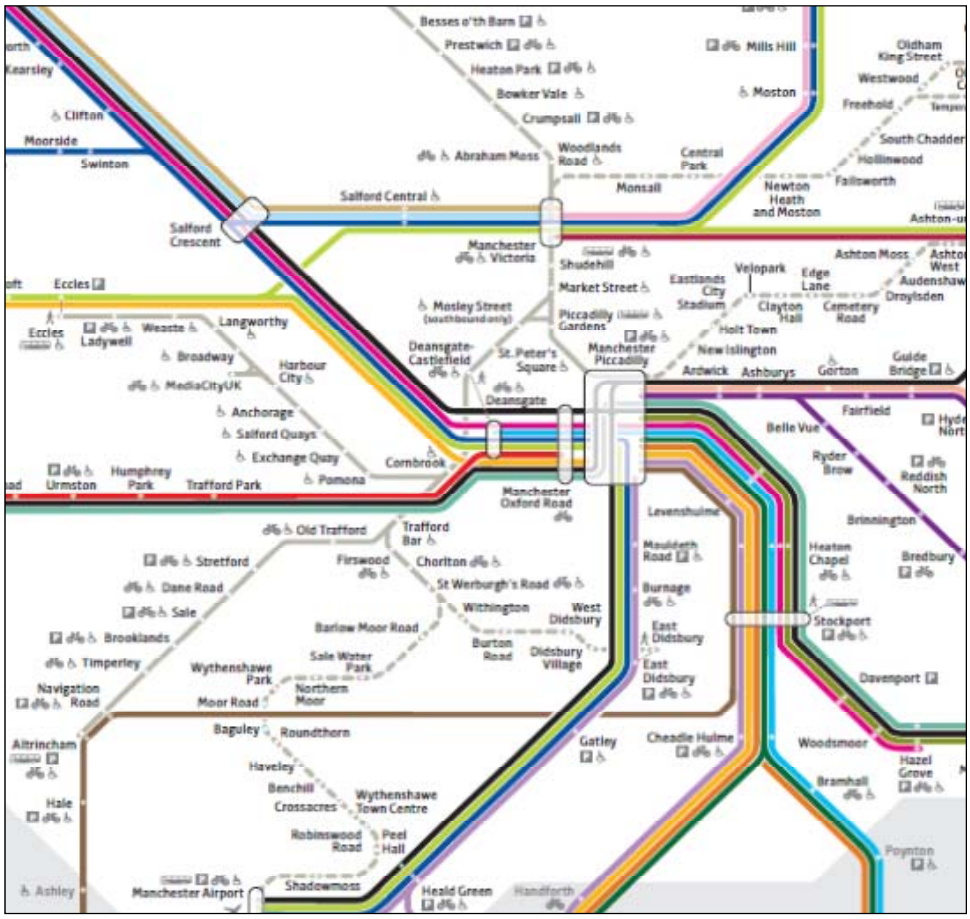

Figure 3: Greater Manchester Rail Network.

1.7 The nearest mainline stations to Wythenshawe are at Stockport, Manchester Piccadilly, Manchester Victoria and Manchester Airport. These stations are interconnected with the Metrolink and bus services, providing more convenient and sustainable transport options to accommodate the Temple Devotee's travel.

1.8 In view of the proximity of the site to bus stops and the availability and timing of services, the Temple Devotee's will also be encouraged to utilise the public bus services. Destinations by direct local bus service include Ashton and Stockport and other surrounding boroughs. There are also frequent bus links to Manchester City Centre, which allows onward travel to other geographic destinations via the Shudehill interchange. The journey time from Manchester City Centre will be approximately 20-30 minutes.

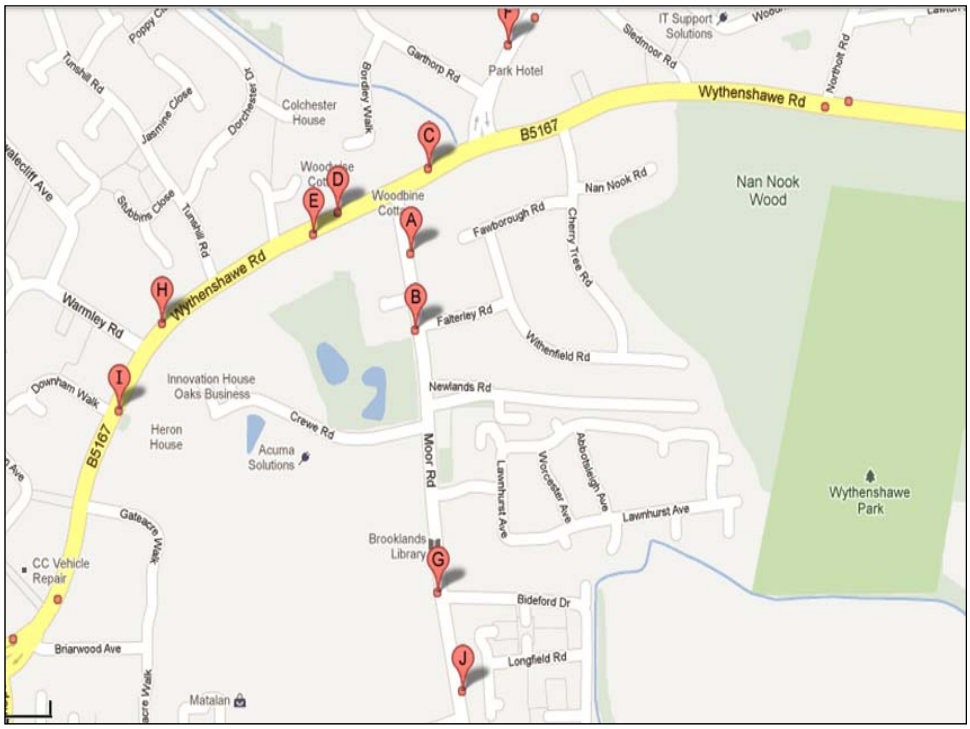

Figure 4: Public bus service surrounding the site (red markings indicate bus stops)

1.9 Car sharing is an established Devotee practice at the existing Temple in Oldham, and this will continue. Consideration will be given to providing car sharers with preferential treatment for parking.

1.10 The Temple Devotee's will be provided with travel information to allow ease of use of the existing transport network and to encourage sustainable travel. The Temple Devotee's will be encouraged to consider carefully their transport options and to utilise public transport and car sharing arrangements wherever possible, including walking and cycling for Devotees who live within a few miles of the Temple. Provision will be made for secure storage of bicycles in close proximity to the building. A travel survey will be conducted to establish a baseline of the current and proposed modes of transport for the Temple Devotee's.

1.11 This site is situated in a sustainable location with excellent connections to a good local public transport infrastructure. On this basis, it is considered that the proposed use will not be detrimental to existing levels of pedestrian and highway safety.

Appendix A

Reference List

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