TRAVEL PLAN STATEMENT

Site Address: - 79 Heywood Street
Cheetham, Manchester.

Date: - 5th Oct 2007

Contact Details.

Applicant

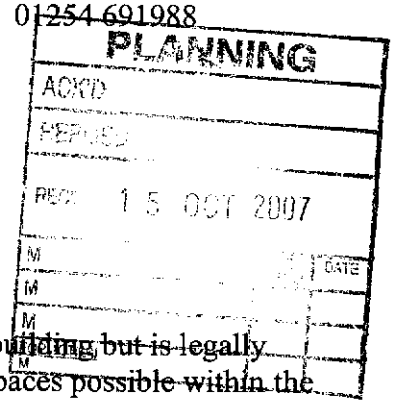
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Description of Development

Proposed enlargement of existing Mosque building.

Assessment

The existing main car parking area is detached from the existing mosque building but is legally under the ownership of the mosque committee. The existing car parking spaces possible within the mosque boundary is 22 in total with 15 spaces in the detached fenced off area. At present congregation members do park on Heywood Street. The existing Heywood Street is sufficiently wide enough to allow parking on both sides of the road and still allowing cars to pass by on both sides without the need for the drivers to stop to allow the driver in the opposite direction right of way.

Design

It is proposed to retain the detached parking area as at present. Within the new planning application being submitted it is proposed to introduce disabled persons parking bays in the rear courtyard adjacent the gable wall to the end terraced residential dwelling. The committee members have been making announcement in the mosque over the busy Ramadan period for the congregation members residing within walking distance of the mosque to come by foot. Any members living a few miles away to be bring as many passengers with them who are members of the Heywood Street Mosque but live within walking distance of each other.

It is has also been announced that bus services are available which have bus stops on Cheetham Hill road again which is within walking distance of the Mosque. Students have been encouraged to travel by cycle and for adult members also to travel by cycle has cycle spaces have been allocated within the mosque grounds in a secure area.

Evaluation

A survey was carried out starting on the 7th of September 2007 by the mosque committee members to ascertain how many cars were local and how many came from further distance. In the first week of the survey which was on the first Friday of the survey period majority of the people walked to the mosque who were residence of the local area. But a higher number of local residence drove to

..e mosque. However, after an announcement was made during the Friday prayer on the 7th of September it was requested that the local members living within walking distance to come to the mosque by foot or cycle if possible allowing the parking spaces within the mosque boundary to be utilised by members living further away. It was also announced that disabled members with the appropriate disabled persons badges should only use parking bays, which will be provided for disabled members at the rear of the mosque. Anyone parking in these bays with out the necessary badges will be asked to move the cars. During the next three Fridays prayers showed a significant drop in the numbers congregations members who would drive to the mosque who resided within walking distance.

This has allowed members living further away to park their vehicles in the car-parking compound thereby reducing the number of cars parking on Heywood Street and other nearby streets. It is hoped that the announcements will be made every Friday's so that congregation members adhere to the request and thereby minimising any inconvenience to the local residents.