

PROPOSED EXTENSION TO GRANGE SCHOOL, MANCHESTER (4827) ADDITIONAL HIGHWAYS INFORMATION – JULY 2025

Introduction

Eddisons has been instructed by the Prospere Learning Trust to advise on the traffic and transport issues relating to a planning application for an extension to the existing pupil roll at the Grange School at Matthews Lane in the Levenshulme area of Manchester.

Council Comments

Manchester City Council (MCC) have requested additional information to assist in their consideration of the application.

In terms of the additional staff likely to be employed at the site, this is likely to be 14 full-time equivalent staff and two part-time staff.

The staff have not yet been appointed so their route to the school is unknown. However, from the experience of the school staff travel at present, this is likely to be split by 10 car drivers and 5 travelling by other means. In terms of traffic impact, this will have a negligible impact on the operation of the junctions around the school.

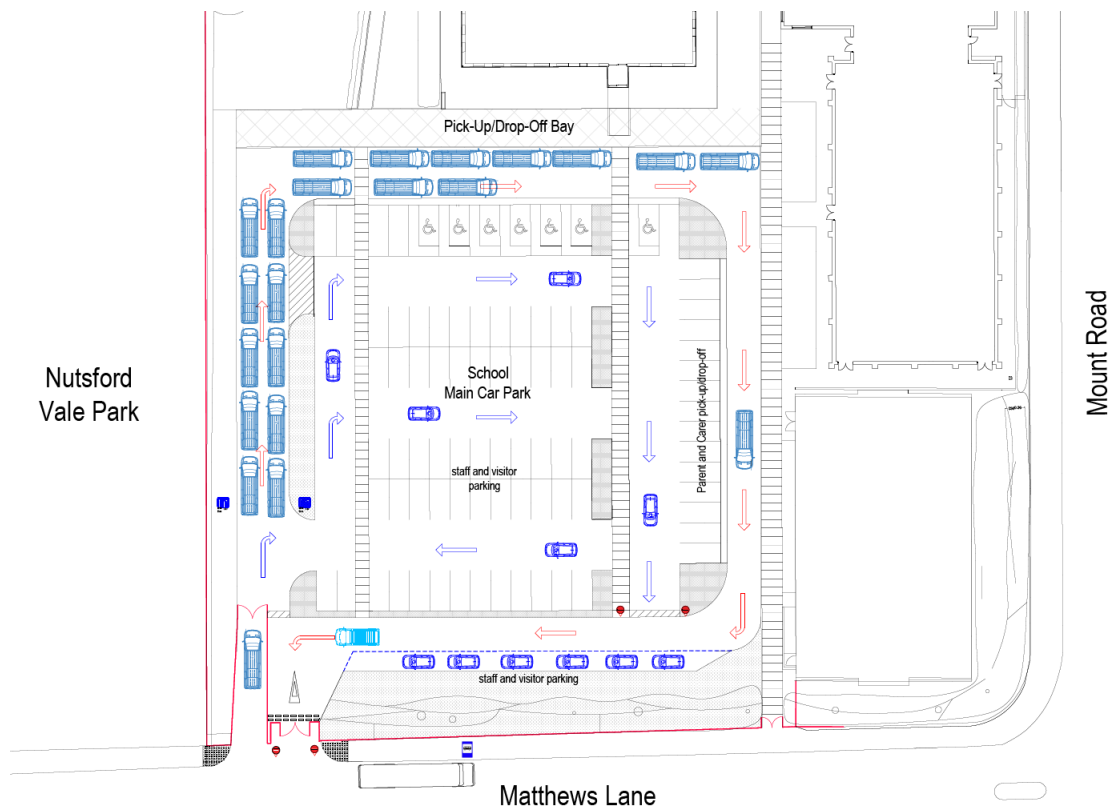
The school provided a snapshot survey of the car park on Thursday 10th July and observed the following unoccupied spaces within the school site:

- Staff bays – 6 spaces.
- Disabled bays – 7 spaces.
- Visitor bays – 11 spaces.

This provides sufficient scope for additional staff parking demand.

In terms of the pupil minibuses, these tend to arrive between 8.30am and 9am but these are arranged by the Local Authority not the school. At the end of the school day the minibuses start arriving from 2pm and they depart between 3.20pm and 3.30pm.

At peak times, the school designates the parking bays in hatched in orange for parents and carers only (for pick-ups/drop-offs). The image below confirms that they can all be accommodated within the school car park with no effect on other vehicles entering or leaving the car park, such as visitors and staff.



To mitigate any potential congestion there is the possibility to offer a yellow box junction at the car park entrance with Matthews Lane which will stop any blocking of traffic travelling along Matthews Lane by any vehicle that cannot get into the school site at the start and end of the school day.

The applicant would welcome a meeting with MCC to discuss any outstanding matters regarding the planning application.

