

Hough End Leisure Centre

Green Travel Plan

GLL



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1. Introduction

1.1 Green Travel Plans

Travel Plans are the Government's recommended way forward to widen travel choice, to promote more sustainable travel choices and to reduce single occupancy private car travel.

A Travel Plan is a dynamic process, evolving and changing over time to reflect our organization, our employees and the leisure centre users. It provides an ideal opportunity for us to evaluate and reconsider our current travel habits and will cover the following elements:

- o Commuter journeys
- o Business travel
- o Visitor travel
- o Deliveries and contractors travel
- o Working practices.

1.2 Implementing a Green Travel Plan

To demonstrate GLL's commitment to Travel Planning and to promote the use of sustainable transport to improve opportunities for and encourage travel by sustainable modes and to reduce unnecessary travel. To raise awareness of the Travel Plan for staff and centre users.

1.3 The benefits of a Travel Plan

- o Cost savings for our organisation associated with reduced transport related costs
- o Cost savings for our employees by reducing their car journeys
- o Quality of life improvements for staff related to reduced congestion and stress as well as improved health and motivation
- o Improved employment and retention resulting from better access to the leisure centre and staff benefits
- o Improved community relations as a result of demonstrating our commitment to reducing congestion
- o Demonstrating our environmental commitment due to improved local air quality and reduction of global pollutants, as well as reducing our Carbon footprint.

1.4 The aim of the Travel Plan

The overall aim of the **GLL** Green Travel Plan is to seek to ensure that where possible our staff and centre users use more environmentally friendly alternatives to driving a vehicle as a single occupant.

2. Context

2.1 Type of organisation

GLL recognises that sound environmental management is vital to the future of our business and community, and must be fully integrated into our management and operational procedures. It must be an everyday part of what we all do. The Board commits GLL to ensuring that appropriate approaches to environmental management are developed and maintained, and that sufficient resources are made available to achieve the objectives of this policy Our Travel Plan fits in with our aspiration to promote sustainability and ease of access and healthy lifestyles for our staff.

Policy statement

Good environmental management is vital to the future of our business and community and must be an everyday part of what we all do. We aim to develop and maintain an appropriate approach to environmental management and ensure sufficient resources are made available to meet our objectives:

The Policy applies to all GLL London Leisure Centres, GLL Regions Leisure Centres and also GLL Libraries where appropriate and reasonably or economically practicable.

The objective of this policy is to define GLL's approach to energy and environmental operations throughout its facilities. The policy informs staff, customers and stakeholders of GLL's aim to reduce its impact on the

local and global environment and to ensure that relevant legal and other requirements are met."

2.2 Employee Information

Hough End Leisure Centre employ over 20 full and part time staff who work between the hours of 06:00 to 22:30. The number of staff on site at a single time will vary depending on the day, time and the programme of activities taking place. The staff are located throughout the Greater Manchester area. Staff travel to site by foot, bike or car on the whole. Factors effecting the choice of transport are the staff's shift pattern, the time of year and the weather conditions.

2.3 Travel to the site

Information and Promotion

Pedestrian Access

Hough End Leisure Centre is a 20 minute bus ride from Manchester town centre. Pedestrians are well provided for in this area with high quality pavements, crossings and other infrastructure (see location map)

Cycling

Hough End has a growing cycle network and the near by Princess Parkway providing off-road access to the leisure centre from several areas. There are 16 Cycle

stands provided directly outside the Leisure Centre and e.g. lockers/showers/changing facilities are available for employees using active modes of travel.

Bus links

Hough End Leisure Centre has numerous bus services with the closes bus stop being less than a minute walk away from the Parkway bus shelter. For all the up-to-date services please visit: -

Stagecoach Manchester (www.stagecoachbus.com)
Travel for Greater Manchester (www.tfgm.com)

Rail links

Hough End Leisure Centre is located 4 miles from Oxford Road Railway station that is located on the main line of Manchester Piccadilly. For details of train times visit www.nationalrail.co.uk or call 08457 484950

Motorcycles and other Powered Two Wheelers

Driving

Car parking is available outside the leisure centre which is a multi storey car park provided and maintained by MCC. There are no dedicated staff parking spaces, but staff are instructed to use the overflow car park to allow centre users to utilise the main car parking spaces.

2.4 Current measures in place

Below are the measures GLL intend to implement as a minimum from the 1 January 2020, day one of the new financial year.

Walking

- o Promotion of walking routes to the site
- o Raise awareness of the health benefits of walking

Cycling

- o Promotion of cycle routes to your site
- o A cycle to work scheme offering discounted bike purchase
- o Raise awareness of the health benefits of cycling

Public Transport Use

- o Provision of bus and rail timetables
- o Links on staff intranet site to travel news sites

3. Implementation

3.1 Roles and responsibilities

There is a board level commitment to reducing GLL's environmental impact and the travel plan will form part of that.

The owner of the plan will be the General Manager delivering the plan and implementing the measures drawn up.

3.2 How the plan will be marketed to staff

- o Interacting with employees through a Centre Staff Communications folder
- o Raised through our Staff Meetings
- o Providing information in employee staff areas
- o Displaying travel information posters/notice boards.

3.3 Full Green Travel Survey

As part of **GLL's** centre specific gllgreen action plans they have made a commitment to conduct a full green travel survey within the first year of the new leisure management contract to establish the following: -

- o to establish a baseline in order to set targets and monitor progress
- o to quantify how their staff currently travel to work
- o to understand the barriers preventing their staff from travelling by more sustainable means.

4. Monitoring

4.1 How progress will be measured

We intend to complete an annual review of the new Green Travel Plan and then every other year for the remainder of the contract to measure progress against the set targets.

4.2 Review process

The review process of the Green Travel Plan will include the following:

- o a snapshot survey asking for mode of travel
- o a comparison of survey results against targets
- o revision to targets where necessary
- o setting out new measures where required.

4.3 Working with Manchester City Council

GLL & Hough End Leisure Centre is committed to working in with Manchester City Council and will share the results of annual reviews and work to resolve any issues which may arise from the Green Travel Plans.