



1 Background

- 1.1 CBO Transport (CBO) has been commissioned by Armistead Properties to consider the accessibility of their site at 398 Wilbraham Road, Chorlton. This report has been prepared to accompany a planning application for 8 apartments in the building which is on the northwest corner of the junction between Wilbraham Road and Ellesmere Road.
- 1.2 The information in this note, including the attached figure, will be used to make people moving into an apartment aware of the accessibility of the site and highlight that to live here does not require them to own and run a car. The language used is therefore in a style which would be relevant to a non-technical reader.

2 Walkable Neighbourhood

- 2.1 398 Wilbraham Road is located on the eastern edge of Chorlton town centre as shown in the **Public Transport and Local Facilities Map** which is attached.
- 2.2 The town centre area, as broadly shown in Manchester City Council's core strategy policy map, is shaded light blue on the map but shops and bars extend further along Wilbraham Road towards 398. Within the town centre there are numerous shops, banks, bars and restaurants which will provide for everyday needs.
- 2.3 The closest supermarket is Morrisons which is next to Chorlton Metrolink station and the Post Office is on the opposite side of Wilbraham Road from Morrisons.
- 2.4 If you have children there are a number of primary schools which you can walk to and for older children Chorlton High School is in easy walking distance.
- 2.5 There are a number of doctors surgeries in the town centre and numerous chemists and dentists.
- 2.6 The Table below shows a selection of everyday local facilities which are within walking distance of 398 Wilbraham Road.

Table 2.1: Local Facilities within Walk Distances

Facility	Approx Walk Distance
Shops and other Town Centre Facilities	
Morrisons	350m
Post Office	350m
Chorlton Precinct	550m
Chorlton Library	750m
Schools	
St Oswalds Primary	800m
Manley Park Primary (Infants)	950m
Manley Park Primary (Juniors)	1.2km
St Johns RC Primary	1.1km
Chorlton High	850m
Health Care	
The Wilbraham Surgery	100m
Corkland Road Medical Practise	400m
Chorlton Health Centre	750m

3 Cycling

- 3.1 There is secure cycle storage in 398 Wilbraham Road so you can safely storage your family's bikes without having them in your apartment.
- 3.2 You may know that Manchester is promoting cycling very strongly and are developing a network of routes which will help avoid the busiest roads. This is part of Transport for Greater Manchester's (TfGM) Bee network and the cycling section is called Bee Active – beeactive.tfgm.com
- 3.3 There are cycle lanes along Wilbraham Road and Barlow Moor Road which they are enhancing under a scheme called Chorlton Busy Beeway.
- 3.4 There is a traffic free cycle route which runs from the Metrolink station south to St Werburgh's Road station and then runs east west parallel to Wilbraham Road to Fallowfield and Levenshulme along the line of an old railway. This is a great route for family cycle rides as well as getting across the south side of the City.
- 3.5 The cycle routes are well signed but you will also find maps on the TfGM website and there are Apps which help plan cycle routes such as **Komoot**.
- 3.6 There are bike shops in Chorlton such as –
 - Ken Fosters on Barlow Moor Road south of Sandy Lane – kenfosterscyclelogic.co.uk
 - The Charity Bike Shop on Manchester Road north of Wilbraham Road – cyclistsfc.org.uk
- 3.7 If you don't want to own a bike or would like to try cycling out, Manchester operate a city wide bike hire scheme. The closest pick up / drop off point is on the opposite side of Wilbraham Road at the junction with Egerton Road South so less than 100m from 398 Wilbraham Road!
- 3.8 The scheme is operated by Beryl and membership and payment is through their **Beryl** App.
- 3.9 There are standard and electric bikes available for hire and of course they are painted in yellow.

4 Car Club

- 4.1 Enterprise run a car club in Manchester which allows you to pick up a car from designated parking locations, use it for as little as an hour and then drop it back. enterprisecarclub.co.uk provides details on how to register and where you can pick up cars from.
- 4.2 In Chorlton there are pick up points on Nicholas Road in the town centre (650m from 398 Wilbraham Road) and on Provis Road just off Beech Road (1.1km from 398 Wilbraham Road).
- 4.3 We understand that they are opening a new pick up point on Torbay Road which would be about the same distance at the Nicholas Road pick up point.
- 4.4 Booking and payment is through the **Enterprise Car Club** App.

5 Metrolink

- 5.1 The Metrolink station is on Wilbraham Road 300m from 398 Wilbraham Road.
- 5.2 The station is on the Airport to Victoria Station; East Didsbury to Rochdale and East Didsbury to Shaw and Crompton lines. The network map is available on the TfGM website.
- 5.3 In the City Centre all trams stop at Deansgate and St Peters Square. The Rochdale and Shaw and Crompton trams stop at Exchange Square and Victoria Station and the Didsbury to Victoria Station trams also stop at Market Street.
- 5.4 During the working day and on Saturdays there are trams every 12 minutes on these lines which means there are trams every 4 minutes or so running to the City Centre from Chorlton.
- 5.5 There are fewer trams in the evening and on Sundays but the frequency is still such that you can turn up and catch a tram without too much wait or you can track trams on the **Bee Network** app.
- 5.6 As well as the City Centre there are lots of intermediate stations on all the lines. At Cornbrook – 3 stops towards the City Centre you can change onto all other lines - so trams to Altrincham via Streford and Sale; The Trafford Centre via Trafford Park; Eccles via Media City; Bury; and Ashton Under Lyme via the Etihad Campus.

6 Buses

Buses on Wilbraham Road

- 6.1 There are lots of buses serving Chorlton Town centre. The closest stops to 398 Wilbraham Road are 100m away on Wilbraham Road in the town centre direction. Buses 85, 85A and 150 use these stops.

Services 85 and 85A

- 6.2 85 and 85A run between the Chorlton and the City Centre. The difference between 85 and 85A is that they start in different parts of Chorlton so are effectively the same bus.
- 6.3 Buses to the City Centre go from the stop on the same side of the road as 398 Wilbraham Road. Buses also stop at Moss Side, Hulme, the University and Royal Northern College of Music on Booth Street West and then on Oxford Road and Portland Street to terminate in Piccadilly Gardens. Return services follow the route in reverse.
- 6.4 Under current timetables on weekdays the buses run from early morning (first bus leaving is at 05:40) until late evening (the last bus leaving Piccadilly is at 00:12). During the working day they run on a 12 minute frequency.
- 6.5 On Saturdays the buses start slightly later in the morning but run on the same frequency and until the same time in the late evening.
- 6.6 On Sundays the buses run every 20 minutes during the day and 30 minutes in the evening.
- 6.7 These buses compliment Metrolink as they serve different parts of the City Centre and stop at difference places on the way and are cheaper.

Service 150

- 6.8 The 150 runs between Gorton and The Trafford Centre so the stops in Chorlton are mid route.
- 6.9 Between Chorlton and Gorton the bus stops at Fallowfield, Levenshulme, Longsight and Belle Vue. Buses to Gorton use the stop on the same side as 398 Wilbraham Road.
- 6.10 Between Chorlton and the Trafford Centre the bus stops in Stretford and in Trafford Park. Buses to the Trafford Centre use the stop on the opposite side to 398 Wilbraham Road.
- 6.11 Under current timetables on weekdays buses run from early morning to late evening and run on a day time frequency of 30 minutes. On Saturdays the service is very similar and on Sundays there is one bus an hour.

Buses on Barlow Moor Road

- 6.12 There are also bus stops on Barlow Moor Road just to the south of the Wilbraham Road junctions. These stops are 500m from 398 Wilbraham Road. Buses 23, 25, 86 and 87 uses these stops.

Service 23

- 6.13 The 23 runs between Stockport and The Trafford Centre so the stops in Chorlton are mid route.
- 6.14 Between Chorlton and Stockport the bus stops at West Didsbury, Didsbury Village, East Didsbury and Heaton Mersey. Buses to Stockport use the stop on the east side of Barlow Moor Road.
- 6.15 Between Chorlton and the Trafford Centre the bus stops in Stretford and in Trafford Park. Buses to the Trafford Centre use the stop on the west side of Barlow Moor Road.
- 6.16 Under current timetables on weekdays buses run from early morning to late evening and run on a day time frequency of 20 minutes. On Saturdays the service is very similar and on Sundays there is a bus every half an hour.

Service 25

- 6.17 The 25 also runs between Stockport and The Trafford Centre so the stops in Chorlton are mid route.
- 6.18 It runs on a different route to bus 23 and between Chorlton and Stockport the bus stops at Burnage, Green End and Heaton Moor. Buses to Stockport use the stop on the east side of Barlow Moor Road.
- 6.19 Between Chorlton and the Trafford Centre the bus stops in Stretford and Lostock. Buses to the Trafford Centre use the stop on the west side of Barlow Moor Road.

- 6.20 Under current timetables on weekdays buses run from early morning to late evening and run on a day time frequency of 30 minutes. On Sundays the service is very similar and the frequency is the same on Sundays but services start later and finish earlier.

Service 86

- 6.21 Service 86 runs between Chorlton and the City Centre. From Booth Street West it follows the same route as bus 85 and 85A into the City but the route from Chorlton to that point is different and stops at MMU's Birley Campus.
- 6.22 Like bus 85 under current timetables on weekdays the buses run from early morning until late evening. During the working day they run on a 12 minute frequency.
- 6.23 On Saturdays the buses start slightly later in the morning but run on the same frequency and until the same time in the late evening.
- 6.24 On Sundays the buses run every 20 minutes during the day and 30 minutes in the early morning and evening.

Service 87

- 6.25 Bus 87 is another which runs to the City Centre but takes a completely different route. The bus runs via West Didsbury, Withington and Rusholme to join Oxford Road at Denmark Street. From there it serves the MRI Campus and the University before terminating in Piccadilly Gardens.
- 6.26 The buses to Manchester stop on the east side of Barlow Moor Road.
- 6.27 The bus runs from early morning to early evening and has an hourly frequency. It runs on Saturdays at an hourly frequency but there is no service on a Sunday.

Bus Information and Journey Planning

- 6.28 Up to date timetables and route maps are available on TfGM's website. You can also use the **Bee Network** app which is relatively new and will no doubt improve as it is developed.
- 6.29 You can interchange between bus services and between buses and trams / trains in many locations. The **Bee Network** app will help plan your journey as of course Google and Apple maps do.
- 6.30 Buses in Manchester have recently been brought back under local government control and will become part of the Bee Network, integrated with Metrolink. Over the next couple of years the buses will be rebranded and ticketing enhanced to a London style tap in and out system.

7 Overview

- 7.1 398 Wilbraham Road is in a very accessible location as demonstrated in this note. It is part of Chorlton's walkable neighbourhood where every day needs are served on foot.
- 7.2 Owning or hiring a bike couldn't be easier and existing and future cycle routes mean cycling is a practical mode of transport to destinations across the City.
- 7.3 The Metrolink and bus network provide a convenient and cost effective way to travel across the City.
- 7.4 If you need a car but not very often you can use the Enterprise Car Club.

