

Transport Statement Proposed Flats Miners Community and Arts Centre.

This statement set out to explain why on-site car parking provision is not required for the proposed development for 4 one-bedroom flats.

Walking

The site is located within an established residential area of Moston and there is sustainable access, within a reasonable walking distance of the site, to nearby local shops the local Primary School and Public Open Space.

Cycling

The following locations are all within reasonable reach by bicycle:

1. Manchester City Centre;
2. Oldham Town Centre;

Both of which provide sustainable access to leisure, retail, employment and commercial opportunities for future occupiers of the site.

Furthermore, there is space within the site for secure cycle storage for each flat, in accordance with Manchester City councils' policy.

Public Transport

There are bus stops located within reasonable walking distance of the site (around 400m) on St Marys Road offering frequent and sustainable access to Oldham and Manchester City Centre. The 181 and 182 bus routes give easy access to the major thoroughfare of Oldham Road.

Sustainability Conclusion

In light of the above analysis it is clear that the site is suitably placed to cater for zero or very low car ownership households and would very likely be occupied by such; particularly bearing in mind that vehicle ownership is generally the second biggest household cost, after mortgage repayments, thus, the opportunity to live in a dwelling where a vehicle is not required for day-to-day travel is increasingly attractive for many.

The site, therefore, fully accords with national, regional, and local government policy; and more recently, climate change goals; all of which aim to reduce reliance on travel by private car. As such, the site is very well placed for residential development without the need for off-street car parking provision and clearly, the development of such sites should be encouraged by local authorities to achieve the aim of government sustainability priorities and policies.

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