

This document has been prepared with regards to the request received by Manchester City Council regarding the request from Highways to see further information regarding the a Travel Plan for Darus Salam Mosque, Slade Lane, Manchester.

Travel Plan

Darus Salam Mosque,
Longsite, Manchester

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Planning application 130538/FO/2021

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Travel Data [Survey]:

The numbers outlined in the table below are the results of the survey [2021-12-10 Survey]:

Travel Type	No. of people
Walking	162
Cycling	1
Car	12
Car Share	4
Public Transport	8

[Table 1: demonstrates the results of the survey on how people travelled to Darus Salam Mosque.]

From table 1 above, we can see that the majority of our congregation travel by foot to the Mosque. There are numerous narrations from our Prophet PBUH that specifically mention that travelling by foot to the prayer is more rewarding and for this reason, most of the worshipers follow his example and come to the Mosque by foot.

We deliver regular reminders to the congregation concerning the spiritual and physical health benefits of walking to the Mosque and these notices are heeded.

We do not expect this to change by expanding into 43 Slade Lane.

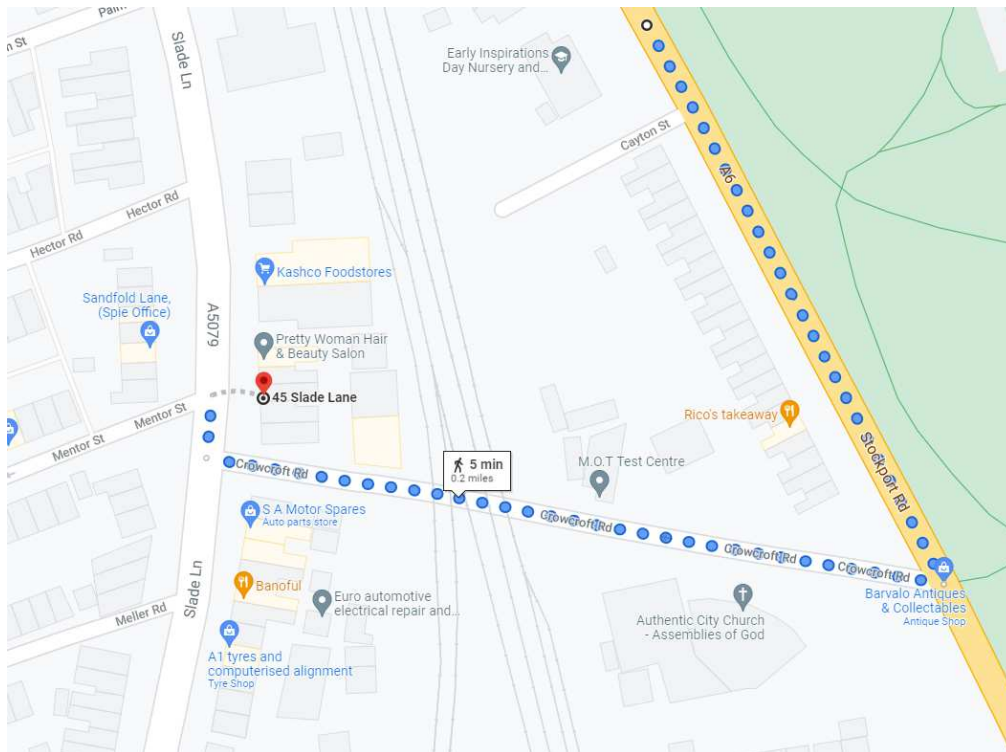
Travel by Foot:

The existing habits within the surrounding area:

The majority of people who travel through this area and as outlined above and in the [2021-12-10 Survey] are local people. The immediate surrounding areas are fortunate to have the majority of needs within walking distance. The worshipers that regularly attend at the busiest times are local to the Mosque and nearby businesses.

Travel by Public Transport:

The following (taken from Google Maps) demonstrates that the local bus stop is within 5 minutes walk from the Mosque:



[Image 2: Demonstrates the walking route to the closest bust stop (public transport)]

Forecast of Number of Travellers with the New Proposed Expansion:

We expect the number of attendees to remain the same even with the increase in floor space. The expansion into 43 Slade Lane will provide extra space for the existing attendees and allow the Mosque to implement stricter COVID safety measures. The expansion will allow for a more comfortable and spacious environment for the worshippers and visitors. Therefore the development is not likely to affect the amount of traffic or travel to this particular area of Slade Lane.

Future Monitoring Targets:

Darus Salam management propose to monitor Travel methods to the Mosque by undertaking regular surveys throughout the year.

The majority of worshippers and visitors that go to the Mosque are local from the surrounding area, hence the need for cars or public transport is not a major requirement for this application. Motorists are able to park nearby the Mosque without being an obstacle to flowing traffic, pedestrians on neighbouring houses. Vehicles can either park on Slade Lane itself where there is sufficient side of road parking spaces or along side-roads. Furthermore, we can see from question no. 3 of the survey *[2021-12-10 Survey]* that the majority of worshippers have used the side roads to park their vehicles.

The Mosque is currently looking into whether a bicycle rack can fit within its boundaries.