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1 Introduction

Background

- 1.1 CBO Transport (CBO) has been commissioned by Armistead Properties to consider the transport implications of their site at 404 Wilbraham Road, Chorlton. This report has been prepared to accompany a planning application for 8 two bedroom apartments in a new build development on the site which is on the northwest corner of the junction between Wilbraham Road and Egerton Road North.
- 1.2 **Figure 1.1** shows the site location. As demonstrated on Figure 1.1 the site is located adjacent to Chorlton town centre and Chorlton Metrolink stop.
- 1.3 The existing site is used for storage and is very untidy and out of keeping with the surrounding area. The proposed development would see the site cleared and a new apartment building constructed containing 8 two bedroom apartments. The scheme plans are shown in **Appendix A**.
- 1.4 There is no existing vehicle access to the site and it is not proposed to provide one. In this context there would be no on site parking provision. The location of the site is such that living without a private car is a very practical proposition and the site would be very attractive to people for whom this was their chosen lifestyle.
- 1.5 This Transport Note has been prepared to provide Manchester City Council (MCC) with the information they need on transport issues to support the application.

Scope of Report

- 1.6 This Transport Note has been produced in 5 sections including this introduction.
- 1.7 Section 2 reviews existing site and provides details of the proposed development.
- 1.8 Section 3 considers the accessibility of the site and the need for car parking.
- 1.9 Section 4 provides an overview of the Travel information which would be provided to residents while a summary and recommendations of the report are included in Section 5.

2 Existing and Proposed Sites

Site Description

- 2.1 As shown in **Figure 1.1** the site is located on the edge of Chorlton town centre. It is bounded by the A6010 Wilbraham Road to the south and Egerton Road North to the east. The western boundary is an alleyway which runs between the site and the adjacent parade of shops and the north boundary is formed by an existing residential property – 1 Egerton Road North.
- 2.2 Wilbraham Road is a principal road in southern Manchester and provides an inter radial function. To the west of the site it runs into Chorlton Town centre where there is a crossroads junction with the B5217 Barlow Moor Road. The town centre is focused on this crossroads which is traffic signal controlled.
- 2.3 The pedestrian and cycle facilities at this junction have recently been upgraded as part of a scheme to provide segregated cycle lanes on Barlow Moor Road through the town centre.
- 2.4 Adjacent to the site Wilbraham Road is a wide single carriageway road with on carriageway cycle lanes provided in both directions. There are also wide footways on both sides of the road. There is a 30mph speed limit on Wilbraham Road and it is well lit.
- 2.5 To the east Wilbraham Road connects with the A5103 Princess Road which is one on the main routes into the City Centre.
- 2.6 Egerton Road North is a best described as a residential distributor road. In the vicinity of the site the road serves large period residential houses which have driveways for off street parking. To the north it serves a large residential area of Chorlton extending into Whalley Range. There are wide footways on Egerton Road North and it is well lit. There is a 20mph speed limit on the road.
- 2.7 The existing site is used for storage and is very untidy and out of keeping with the surrounding area. There is no existing vehicle access to the site.

Proposed Development

- 2.8 The proposed development is shown on the General Arrangement plan in **Appendix A**.
- 2.9 There would be a number of entrances to the building from Wilbraham Road and Egerton Road North serving individual apartments and or as a communal access to a number of units. The 4 ground floor apartments would have outside spaces which would incorporate secure cycle parking for 2 bikes.
- 2.10 There would be a communal cycle store which could securely accommodate 10 bikes, for the upper floor apartments, accessed from Edgerton Road North. The access to the bike store forms the northern boundary of the site and would be lit with a secure gate provided onto Edgerton Road North.
- 2.11 In total there would be secure parking for 18 bikes in the development. Cycle storage areas would have power supplies for charging electric bikes. For a development of 8 two bedroom apartments this level of cycle parking is in excess of the one space per bedroom provision recommended in LTN 1/20.
- 2.12 Refuse storage would be located adjacent to the alleyway on the west side of the site. This alleyway is where the adjacent shops store their refuse.

3 Site Accessibility

Walkable Neighbourhood

- 3.1 404 Wilbraham Road is located on the eastern edge of Chorlton town centre as shown in Figure 1.1.
- 3.2 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 the site – the buildings adjacent and opposite the site are commercial in this context. Within the town centre there are numerous shops, banks, bars and restaurants which will provide for everyday needs.
- 3.3 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.
- 3.4 There are a selection of primary schools and Chorlton High School within easy walking distance of the site.
- 3.5 There are a number of doctors surgeries in the town centre and numerous chemists and dentists.
- 3.6 The Table below shows a selection of everyday local facilities which are within easy walking distance of 404 Wilbraham Road.

Table 3.1: Local Facilities within Walk Distances

Facility	Approx Walk Distance
Shops and other Town Centre Facilities	
Morrisons	250m
Post Office	280m
Chorlton Precinct	500m
Chorlton Library	700m
Schools	
St Oswalds Primary	800m
Manley Park Primary (Infants)	950m
Manley Park Primary (Juniors)	1.2km
St Johns RC Primary	1.2km
Chorlton High	1.1km
Health Care	
The Wilbraham Surgery	50m
Chorlton Health Centre	650m
KPS Pharmacy, Wilbraham Road	50m
Dentist (BUPA), Wilbraham Road	50m
Chorlton Smile Centre (NHS), Barlow Moor Road	550m

- 3.7 The location of the site adjacent to Chorlton Town Centre means future residents of 404 Wilbraham Road would be able to access all their daily needs on foot.

Cycling

- 3.8 As set out in the previous section of the Report all the apartments would have at least parking for 2 bikes in line with the recommended provision in LTN 1/20.
- 3.9 Starling Bank Bikes operate a cycle hire scheme in Greater Manchester. There are a number of storage locations in Chorlton, the closest being on the opposite side of Wilbraham Road to the site. There are other locations close by if there are no bikes at this one, such as at St Werburgh's Church which is 200m to the east on Wilbraham Road. Starling Bank Bikes is an app based facility which allow bikes to be hired for short periods of time.

- 3.10 There is a strong focus on increasing cycling within Greater Manchester and a number of comprehensive schemes to provide whole route cycle facilities have been implemented or are proposed. The Barlow Moor Road scheme referenced above is an example of one of these. As well as the routes along highway corridors there is a traffic free route linking Chorlton with other districts of south Manchester such as Fallowfield and Levenshulme. This route, which is shown on **Figure 1.1** is part of National Cycle Network route 60.
- 3.11 Taking 5km as a generally accepted maximum cycle distance means that the following are with cycling distance:-
- The southern park of the City Centre
 - Most of Manchester University and Manchester Met
 - Manchester Royal Infirmary
 - Withington Hospital
 - Old Trafford and the eastern part of Trafford Park
 - Salford Quays
 - The Mersey Valley nature reserves and country parks

Metrolink

- 3.12 Chorlton Metrolink stop is on Wilbraham Road 250m from 404 Wilbraham Road and is in tram zone 2.
- 3.13 The station is on the Airport to Victoria Station; East Didsbury to Rochdale and East Didsbury to Shaw and Crompton lines.
- 3.14 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.
- 3.15 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. There are fewer trams in the evening and on Sundays but the frequency is still high enough for the tram to represent a turn up and go facility and the location of trams can be tracked on the Bee Network app.
- 3.16 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.
- 3.17 The proximity of the tram stop make this site highly accessible and provides high quality and convenient public transport access to most key locations in the conurbation.

Buses

- 3.18 There are lots of buses serving Chorlton Town centre. The closest stops to 404 Wilbraham Road are immediately to the west of the site on Wilbraham Road in the town centre direction. Buses 85, 85A and 150 use these stops.
- 3.19 As with all buses in Greater Manchester these buses are now operated by TfGM and form part of the integrated Bee Network which includes Metrolink. Over time the Bee Network will include train services in the City.

Services 85 and 85A

- 3.20 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.
- 3.21 Buses to the City Centre go from the stop on the same side of the road as 404 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.

- 3.22 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.
- 3.23 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.
- 3.24 On Sundays the buses run every 20 minutes during the day and 30 minutes in the evening.
- 3.25 These buses compliment Metrolink as they serve different parts of the City Centre, stop at difference places on the way and are cheaper.

Service 150

- 3.26 The 150 runs between Gorton and The Trafford Centre so the stops in Chorlton are mid route.
- 3.27 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 404 Wilbraham Road.
- 3.28 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 404 Wilbraham Road.
- 3.29 Under current timetables on weekdays buses run from early morning to late evening and run on a daytime 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

- 3.30 There are also bus stops on Barlow Moor Road just to the south of the Wilbraham Road junction. These stops are 450m from 404 Wilbraham Road. Buses 23, 25, 86 and 87 uses these stops.

Service 23

- 3.31 Bus 23 runs between Stockport and The Trafford Centre so the stops in Chorlton are mid route.
- 3.32 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.
- 3.33 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.
- 3.34 Under current timetables on weekdays buses run from early morning to late evening and run on a daytime frequency of 20 minutes. On Saturdays the service is very similar and on Sundays there is a bus every half an hour.

Service 25

- 3.35 The 25 also runs between Stockport and The Trafford Centre so the stops in Chorlton are mid route.
- 3.36 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.
- 3.37 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.
- 3.38 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 the frequency is the same on Sundays but services start later and finish earlier.

Service 86

- 3.39 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.
- 3.40 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.
- 3.41 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.
- 3.42 On Sundays the buses run every 20 minutes during the day and 30 minutes in the early morning and evening.

Service 87

- 3.43 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.
- 3.44 The buses to Manchester stop on the east side of Barlow Moor Road.
- 3.45 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.

DfT Connectivity Tool and the Need for Parking

- 3.46 The analysis in this section of the report shows the site is in a highly accessible location. The recently release DfT Connectivity Tool, which provides a connectivity score for every location in England, scores the 100m grid square which the site is located in as 84. A score of between 80 and 90 is defined as very high so this confirms the analysis set out in this report.
- 3.47 **Figure 3.1** is an extract from the connectivity tool showing Chorlton town centre. The site is clearly in the highly accessible town centre core.



Figure 3.1: Connectivity Tool Extract

- 3.48 Greater Manchester's policy is to achieve a 50% mode share by walking, cycling and public transport by 2040. The site is ideally located to assist in achieving this target.
- 3.49 The people who will live in this development will not need to own a car. All their day to day needs are within walking distance in the town centre. Wider opportunities including employment are accessible on high frequency high quality public transport. To name but a few the City Centre, Airport, Universities, MRI, Trafford Park, and Trafford Centre are all accessible by public transport. Cycling is also a realistic mode choice to access some of these destinations.
- 3.50 TfGM actively supports development in accessible locations to be car free. Given the policy initiatives it would be counter intuitive to provide on site parking. This would only encourage people to drive when they don't need to and to make lifestyle choices that rely on having a car. Some one who knows they will need to have regular access to a car would probably choose not to live here.

Enterprise Car Clubs

- 3.51 For journeys which do need a car there are three Enterprise Car Club locations in Chorlton as noted in **Figure 1.1**. These are on:-
- Nicholas Road in the town centre (650m from 404 Wilbraham Road)
 - Torbay Road to the south of Wilbraham Road (650m from 404 Wilbraham Road)
 - Provis Road just off Beech Road (1.1km from 404 Wilbraham Road).
- 3.52 The convenience and choice of these car club locations means owning a car is even less necessary.

On Street Car Parking

- 3.53 While it is not anticipated that future residents would own a car some observations on the availability of on street parking have been undertaken by the developer's planning consultant Bramhall Town Planning.
- 3.54 The site was visited on three consecutive weeknights in the early evening between 18:00 and 19:00 and the roads within an approximate 200m walking distance of the site were observed. **Appendix B** includes maps showing the roads surveyed and a summary table of the number of available on street parking spaces on these streets including a summary of the methodology adopted.
- 3.55 The observations showed that there was a considerable level of available on street parking in the vicinity of the site. In the area as a whole (excluding Wilbraham Road) there were between 50 and 60 available spaces. In the streets closet to the site (Area 1 - Edgerton Road North, Area 2 - Silverdale Road and Area 3 – part of Salisbury Road) there were between 18 and 27 available spaces on the three nights.
- 3.56 If a resident did choose to own a car there is clearly plenty of available on street parking available to accommodate them.

4 Promoting Sustainable Transport

Welcome Pack

- 4.1 While the site is too small to operate a formal Travel Plan each resident would be provided with a travel focused Welcome Pack. This would include a leaflet with information on the accessibility of the site by walking and cycling and public transport and a map highlighting the location of local facilities and public transport access points.
- 4.2 A copy of the proposed Welcome Pack is included in **Appendix C**.

5 Summary and Recommendation

Summary

- 5.1 CBO Transport (CBO) has been commissioned by Armistead Properties to consider the transport implications of their site at 404 Wilbraham Road, Chorlton. The existing site is used for storage and is very untidy and out of keeping with the surrounding area. The proposed development would see the site cleared and a new apartment building constructed containing 8 two bedroom apartments.
- 5.2 There is no existing vehicle access to the site and it is not proposed to provide one. In this context there would be no on site parking provision.
- 5.3 The site is located adjacent to Chorlton town centre and is within the walkable neighbourhood of Chorlton town centre. There is a full range of day to day local facilities within easy walking distance of the site.
- 5.4 Cycle parking would be provided in the development at a level which exceed the recommended provision in LTN 1/20. The site is also very conveniently located to Starling Bank bike hire pick up points. There are local highway and traffic free cycle routes and large parts of south and west Manchester and the City Centre are within cycling distance of the site.
- 5.5 The site is very close to Chorlton tram stop which is on a number of direct tram routes. There are bus stops adjacent to the site which are used by city centre buses running on a daytime frequency of a bus every 12 minutes. There are local buses which also serve Trafford Park and the Trafford Centre.
- 5.6 The site is in a highly accessible location which is confirmed by the DfT's connectivity score for the site which at 84 is rated as very high.
- 5.7 The people who will live in this development will not need to own a car. TfGM actively supports development in accessible locations to be car free. Given the policy initiatives it would be counter intuitive to provide on site car parking.
- 5.8 For journeys that do require a car there are 3 conveniently located Enterprise Car Club sites in Chorlton town centre.
- 5.9 While it is not anticipated that future residents would own a car there is plenty of available on street parking available to accommodate them.
- 5.10 Residents would be provided with a travel focused Welcome Pack to encourage them to travel sustainably and not own a car.

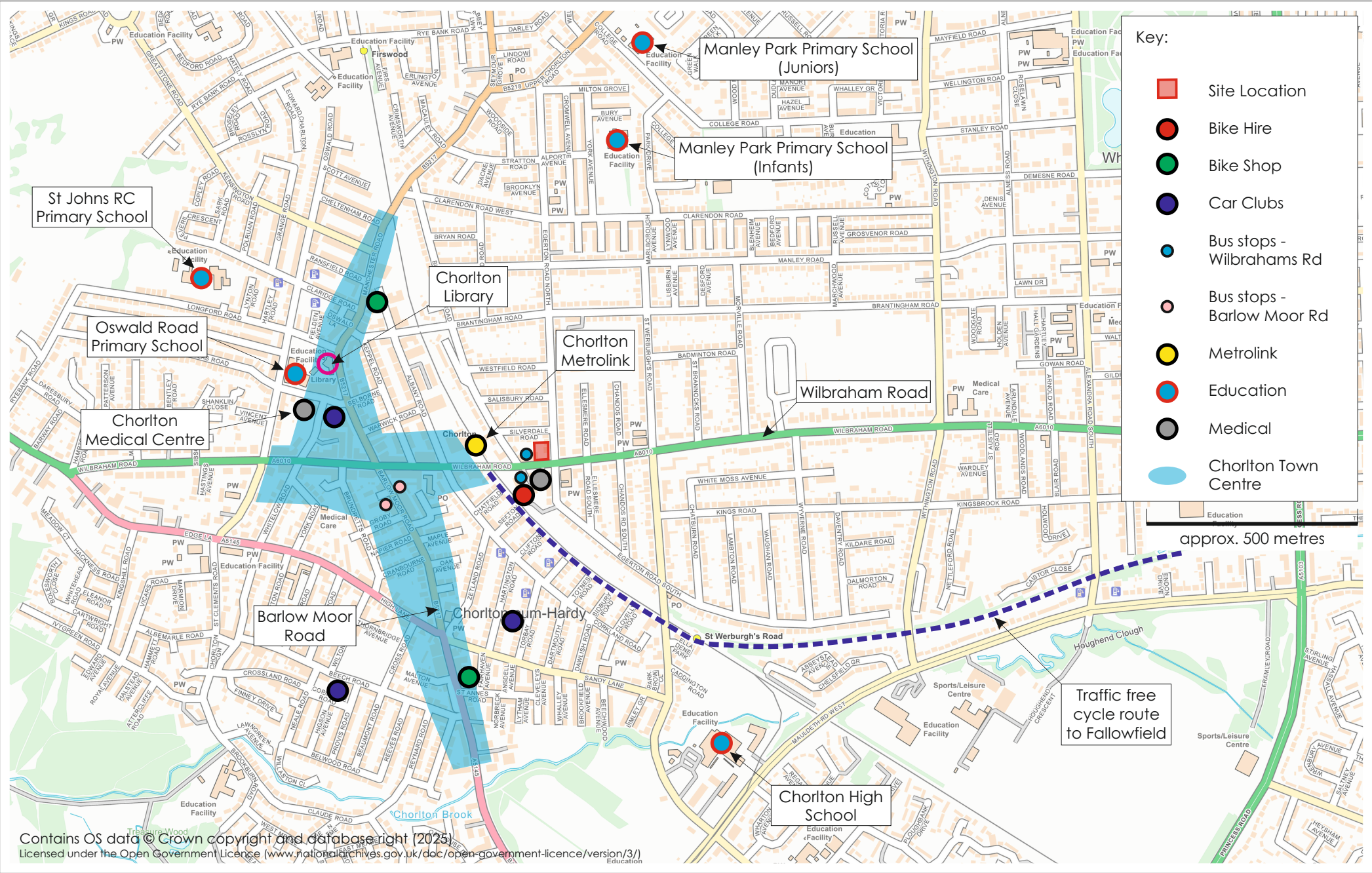
Recommendation

- 5.11 In light of the above it is the recommendation of CBO Transport that there are no traffic or transportation grounds on which to refuse the application for the proposed residential development.



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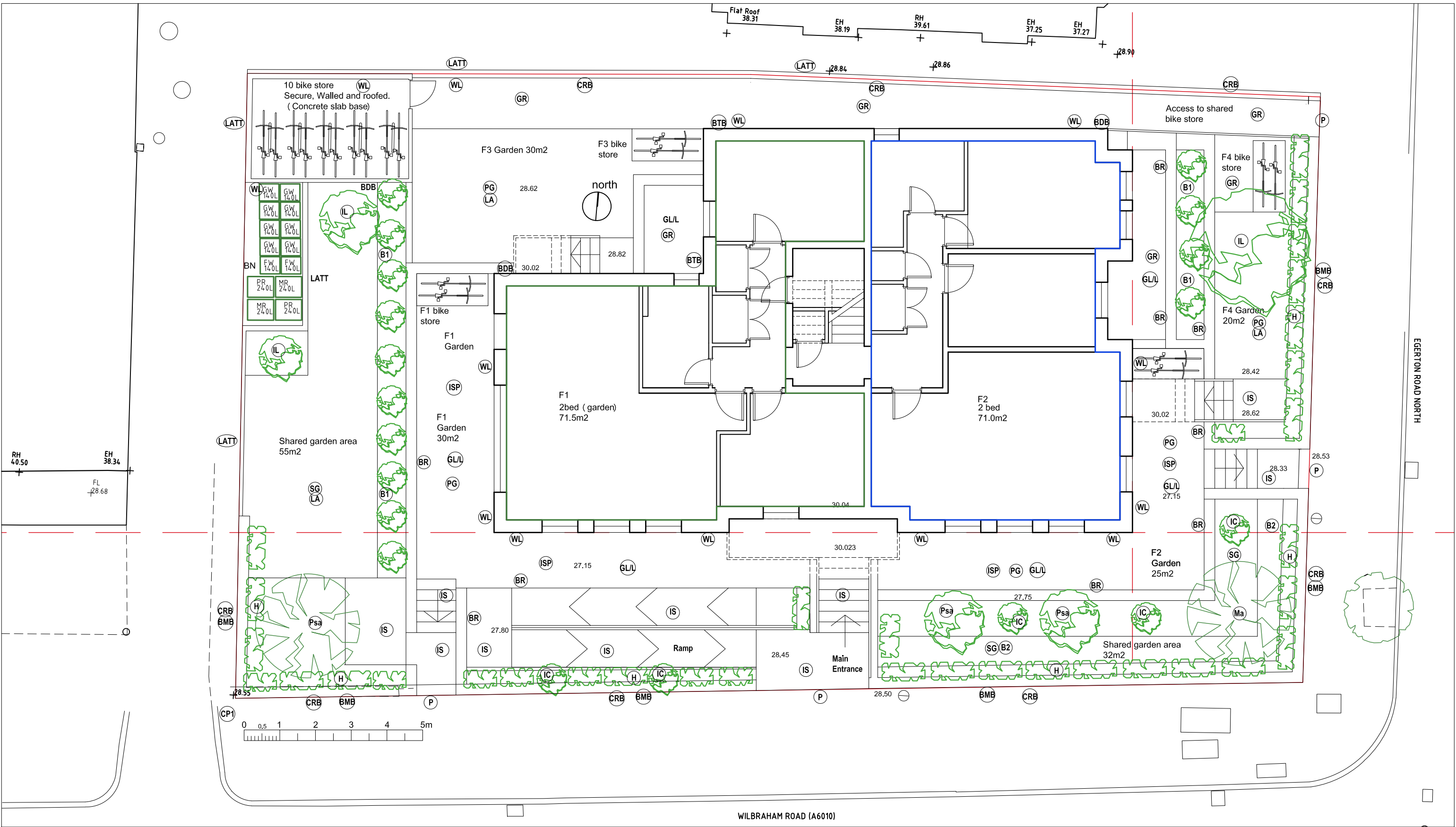
Figure 1.1 Site Location





Appendix A: Proposed Site Layout





WASTE MANAGEMENT

CP1: MCC Bin collection point
P: Pedestrian access.
BN: Open roof Bin storage.
GW: General Waste
PR: Palpable recycling
MR: Mixed recycling
FW: Food/Organic Waste

ECO DIVERSITY

BTB: Bat box fixed to elevation wall
BDB: Bird box fixed to elevation wall

PROPOSED PLANTING

Trees **Ma** Native Apple trees. Small /medium flowering trees light standards 12-14cm girth. 4m centres
Psa Winter flowering cherry (Prunus subhirtella Autumnalis) 4.5m centres
IL Holly - Shade tolerant trees -Holly container grown 60-80 cm (10-12 litre) 2.5 m centres
IC Italian Cypress (Cupressus sempervirens) - container grown 1m-1.5m (10-12 litre) 3 m centres.
Hedges **H** HEDGING up to 1.0m height Yew or Portugese Laurel
Shrubs **B1** MIXED SHRUB AND HEDGE PLANTING AROUND SIDE and REAR BOUNDARIES.
B1 Mixed shrub and groundcover planting.
B2 Holly /Fern/Pachysandra/Hydrangea/Mahonia aquifolium. Grasses- Deschampsia /
B2 Taller shrubs up to 2m. height. Elder/ Blackthorn/Portuguese Laurel/Aucuba japonica/Pyracantha
Lawn **LA** Fine Lawn turf or seed

HARD LANDSCAPE & BOUNDARY ELEMENTS

GR Porous gravel.
IS Indian Stone hard landscaping flat, ramped and stepped areas.
ISP Indian Stone paved areas with porous joints and edges.
PG Private Garden area. Hard landscaped patio areas with border planting
SG Shared garden.
GL/L Full height Garden Lightwell/Half height lightwell.
WL Downward pointing low energy led wall light.

BR W2 Brick faced retaining wall with Indian Stone coping.
LATT Latt timber fence to 2.0m height. 0.5m latt capping to low wall to the rear boundary. Gaps at 2m intervals to facilitate passage of Hedgehogs.
CRB Clean, repair and repoint existing brickwork and stone copings. Areas of missing wall to be rebuilt to match adjacent wall areas.
BMB Introduce unpainted galvanised metal railings over existing refurbished brick wall 0.4m tall

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Appendix B: On Street Parking Survey

Parking Survey Summary v.2

Reference: Full Planning application for 8 flats, 404 Wilbraham Rd, Chorlton

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Key Methodology Applied

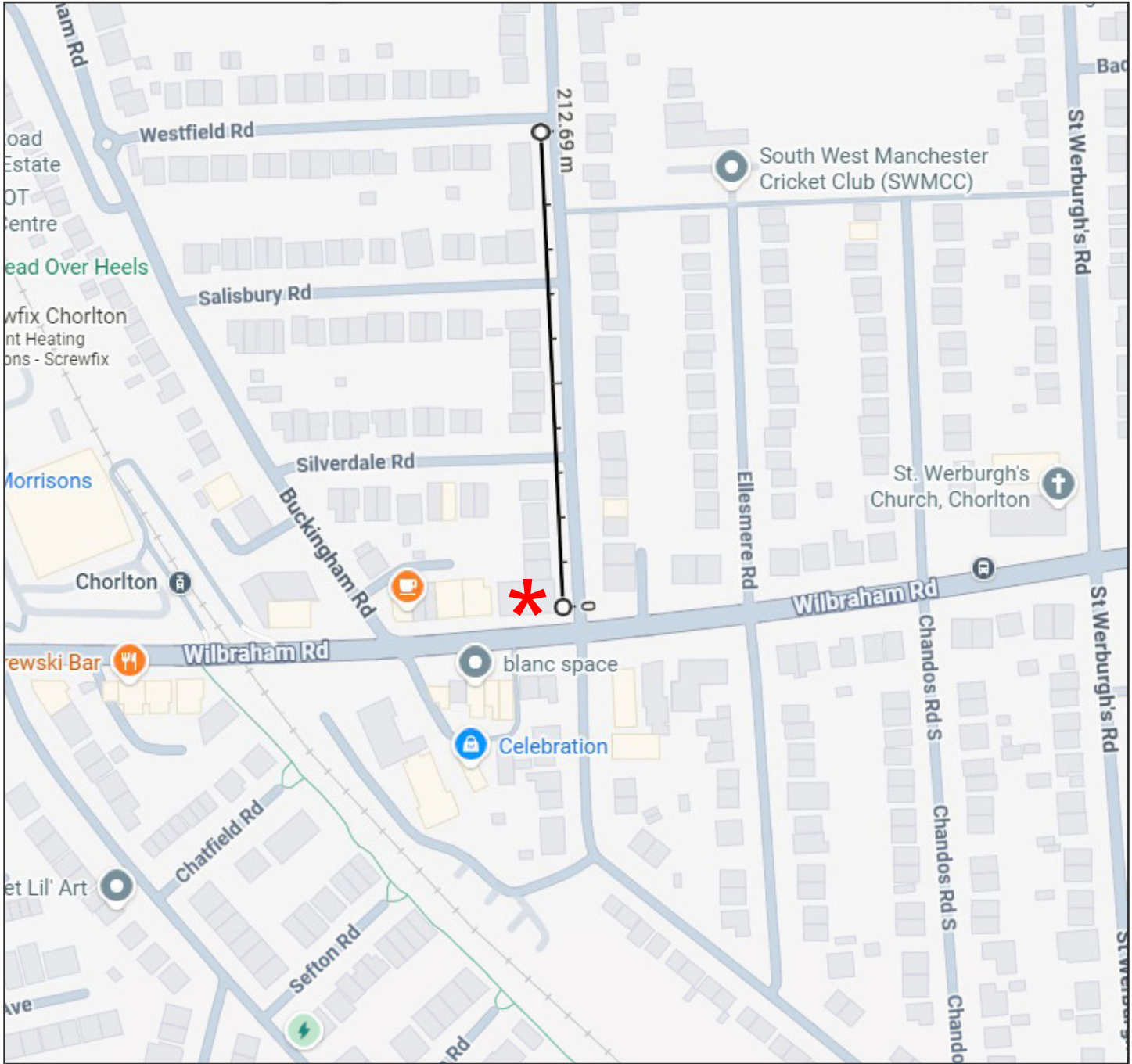
- Surveyed undertaken by Bramhall Town Planning.
- All streets to a distance of circa 200m (4minute walking distance) from the application site surveyed.
- Surveys undertaken on foot between 18:00-19:00.
- Survey undertaken by sight.
- Estimate available spaces of approx. 6m in size included.
- Available spaces around the immediate corners of roads excluded even if no parking restrictions (yellow lines).
- Where several survey 'Areas' were duplicated on more than one 'Area Map', spaces were only counted once.
- Sections of roads across driveways and accesses excluded.

	Monday 12.01.26 Spaces Available	Tuesday 13.01.26 Spaces Available	Wednesday 14.01.26 Spaces Available
Area 1	18	20	14
Area 2	5	5	2
Area 3	3	2	2
Area 4*	0	0	0
Area 5**	0	0	0
Area 6	11	15	15
Area 7	5	6	6
Area 8	7	7	11
Area 9	7	6	6
Total	56	61	56

*Spaces available with no parking restrictions but not counted as main road and less likely residents would choose to park here if spaces were available on quieter side streets.

** Main road parking restrictions, thus not counted.

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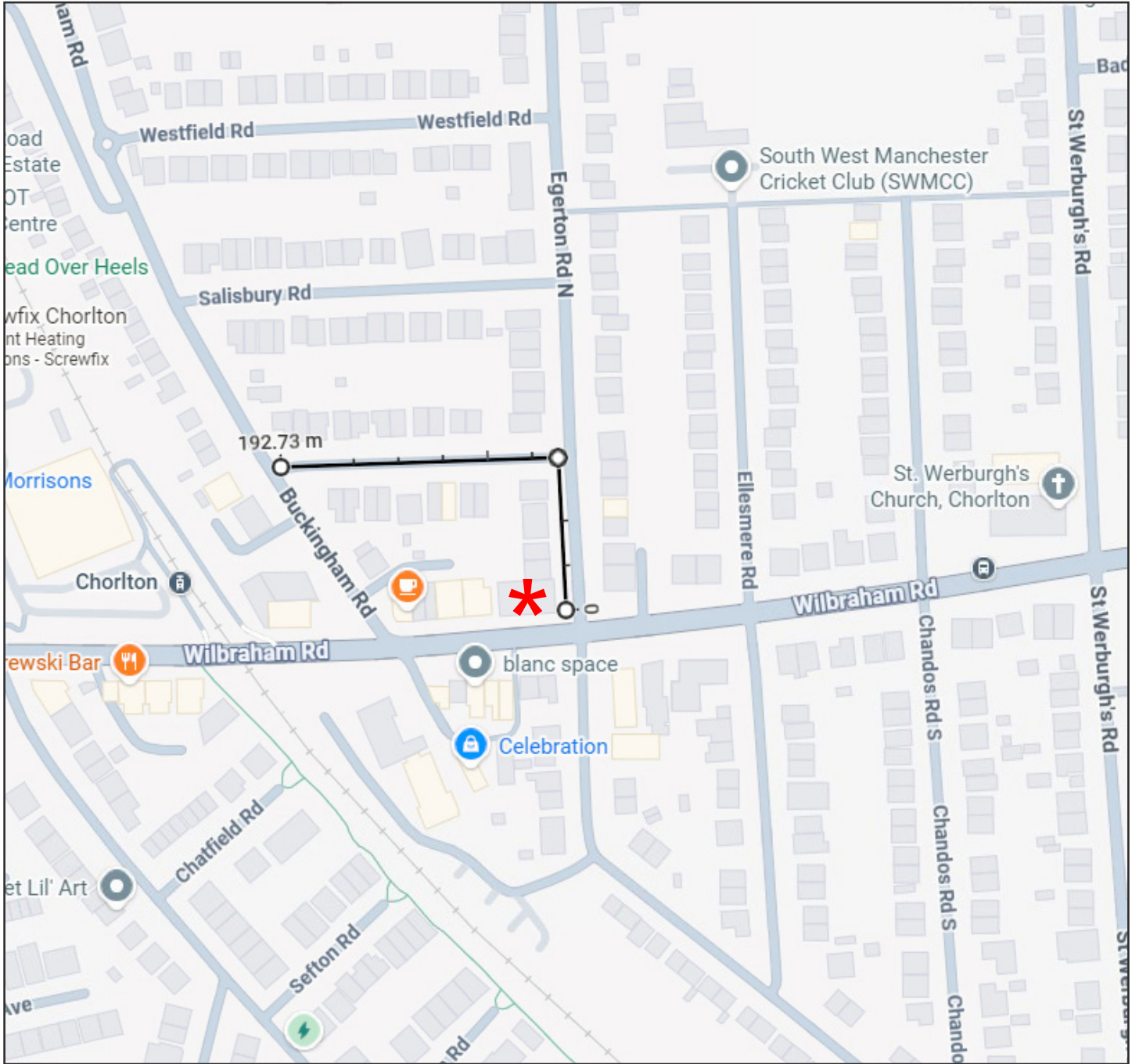
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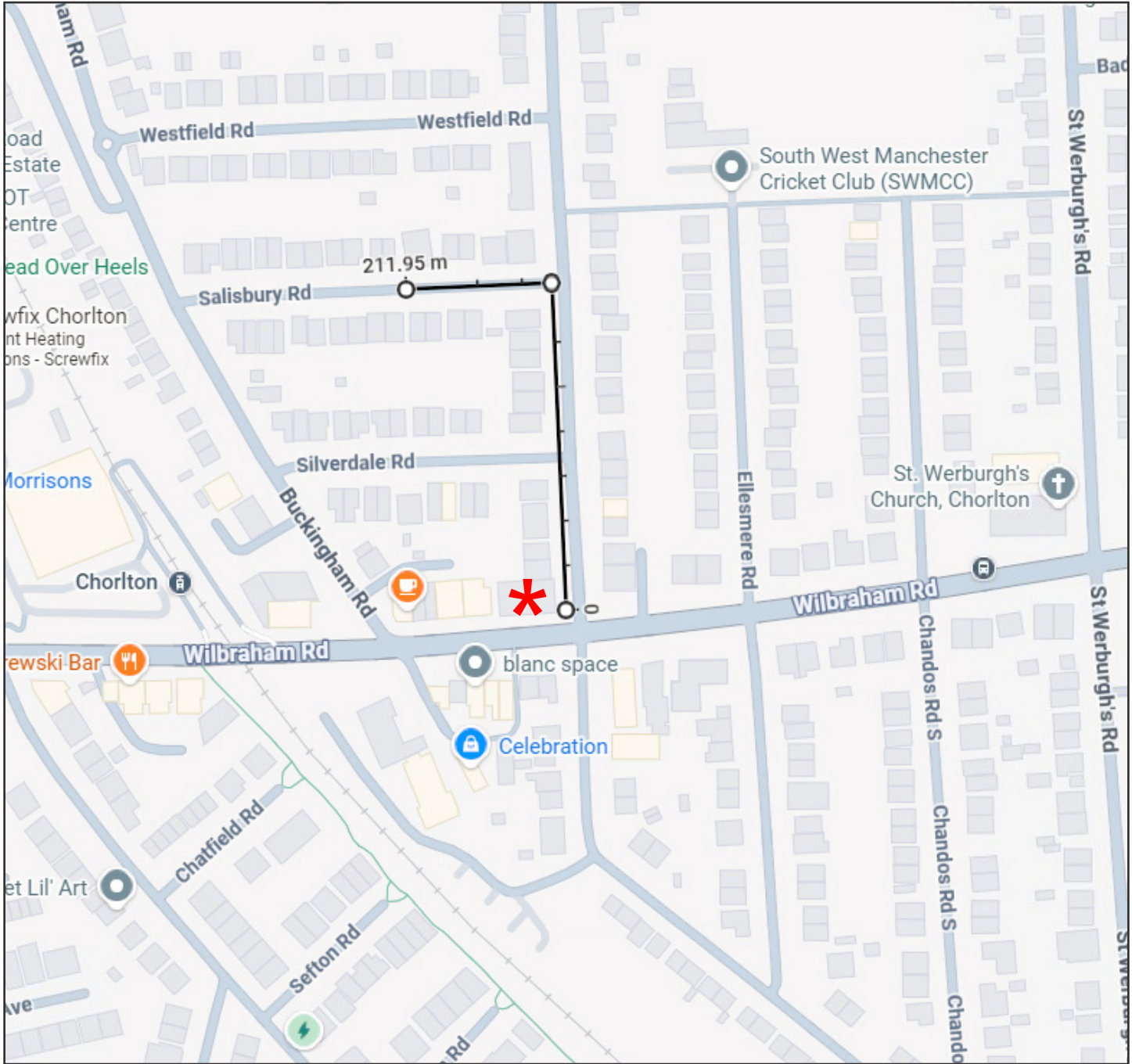
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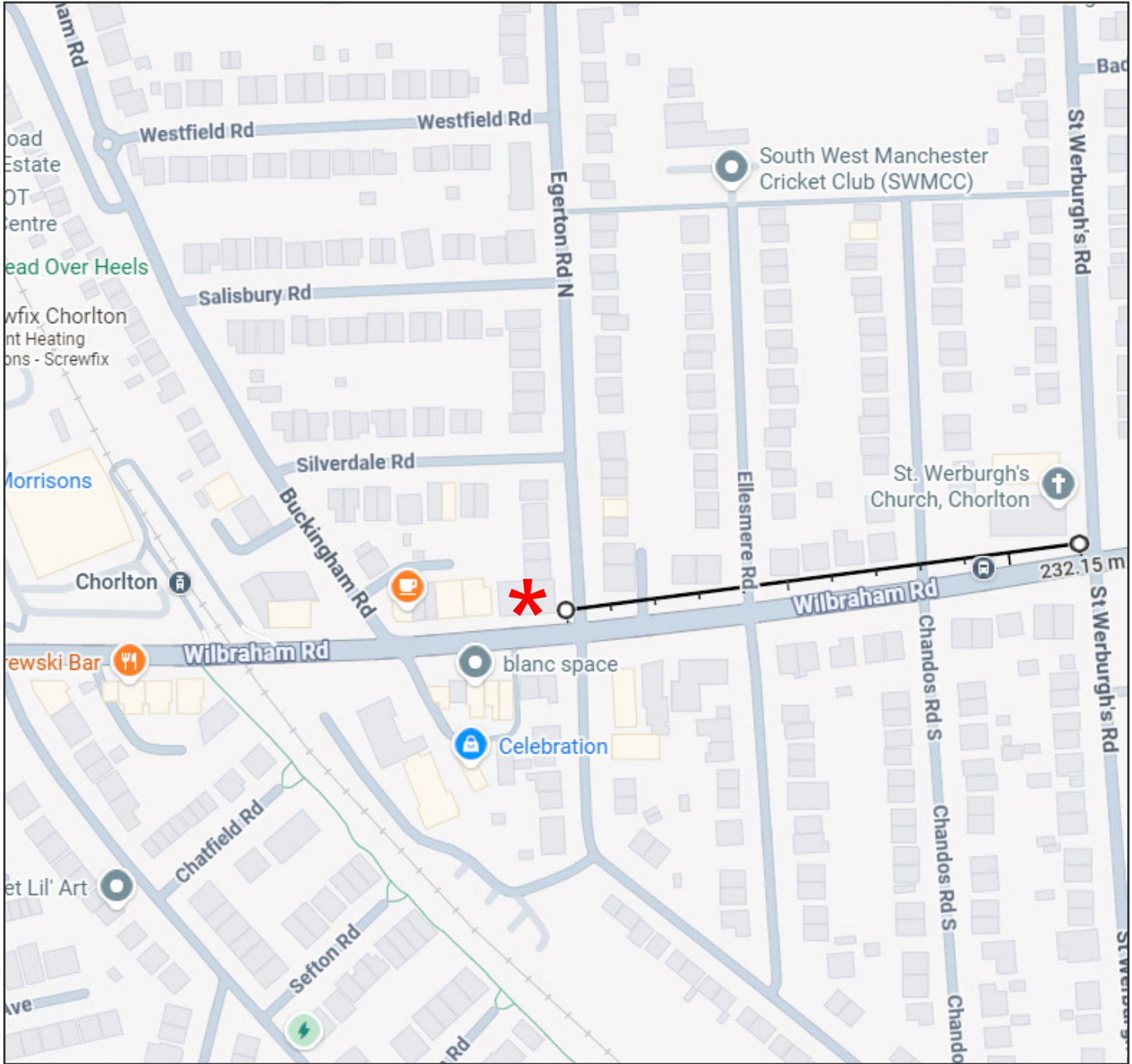
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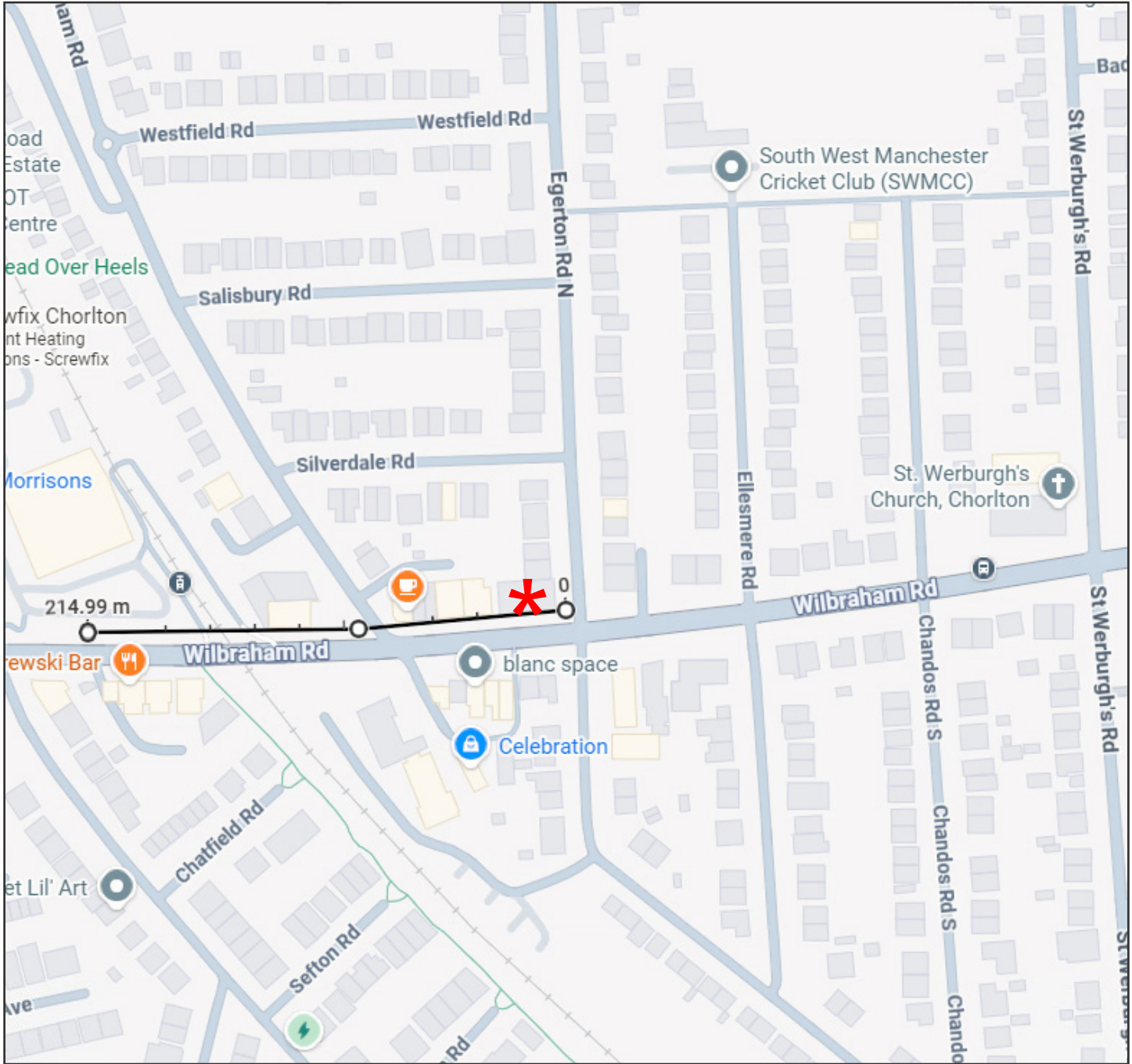
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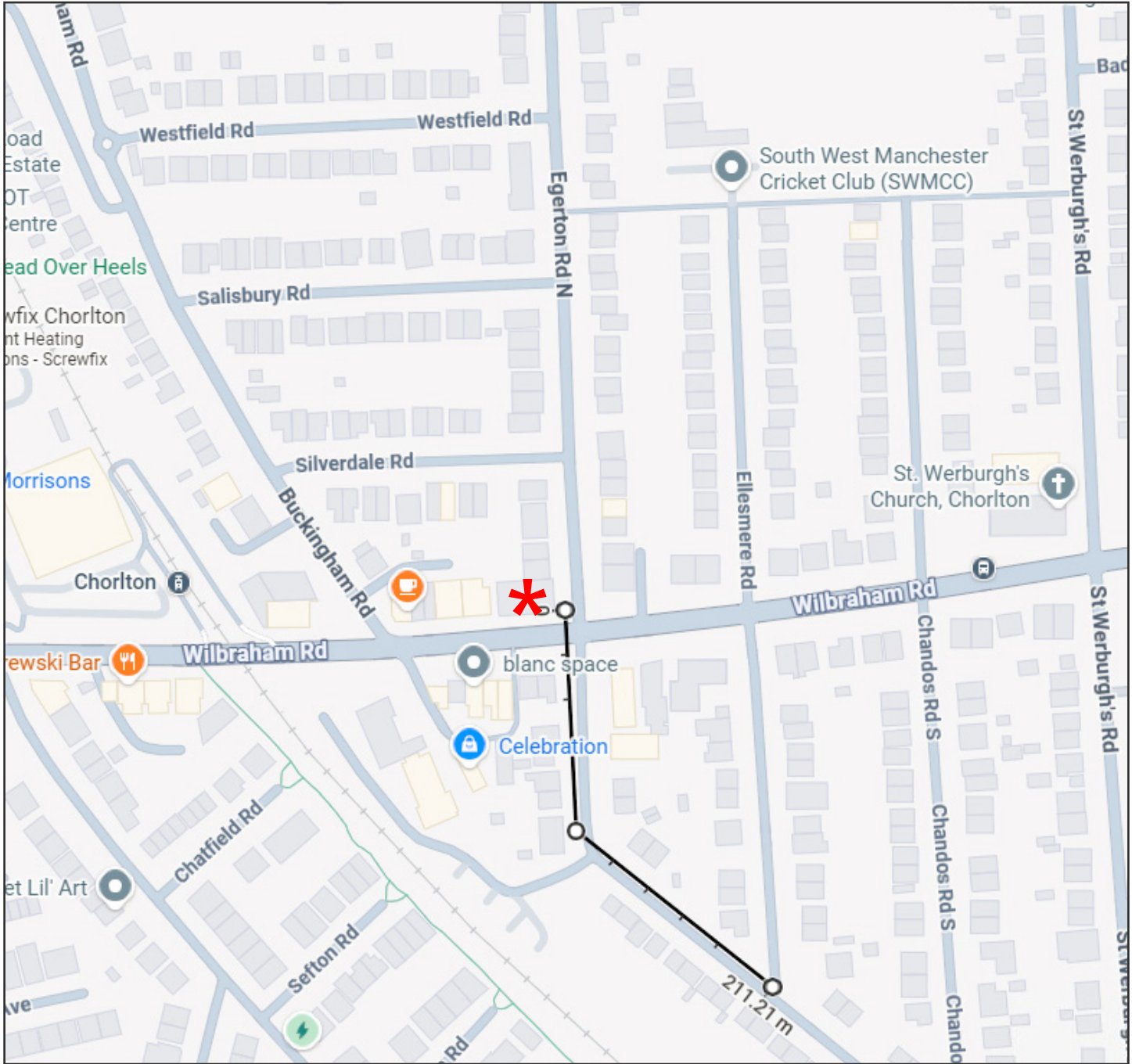
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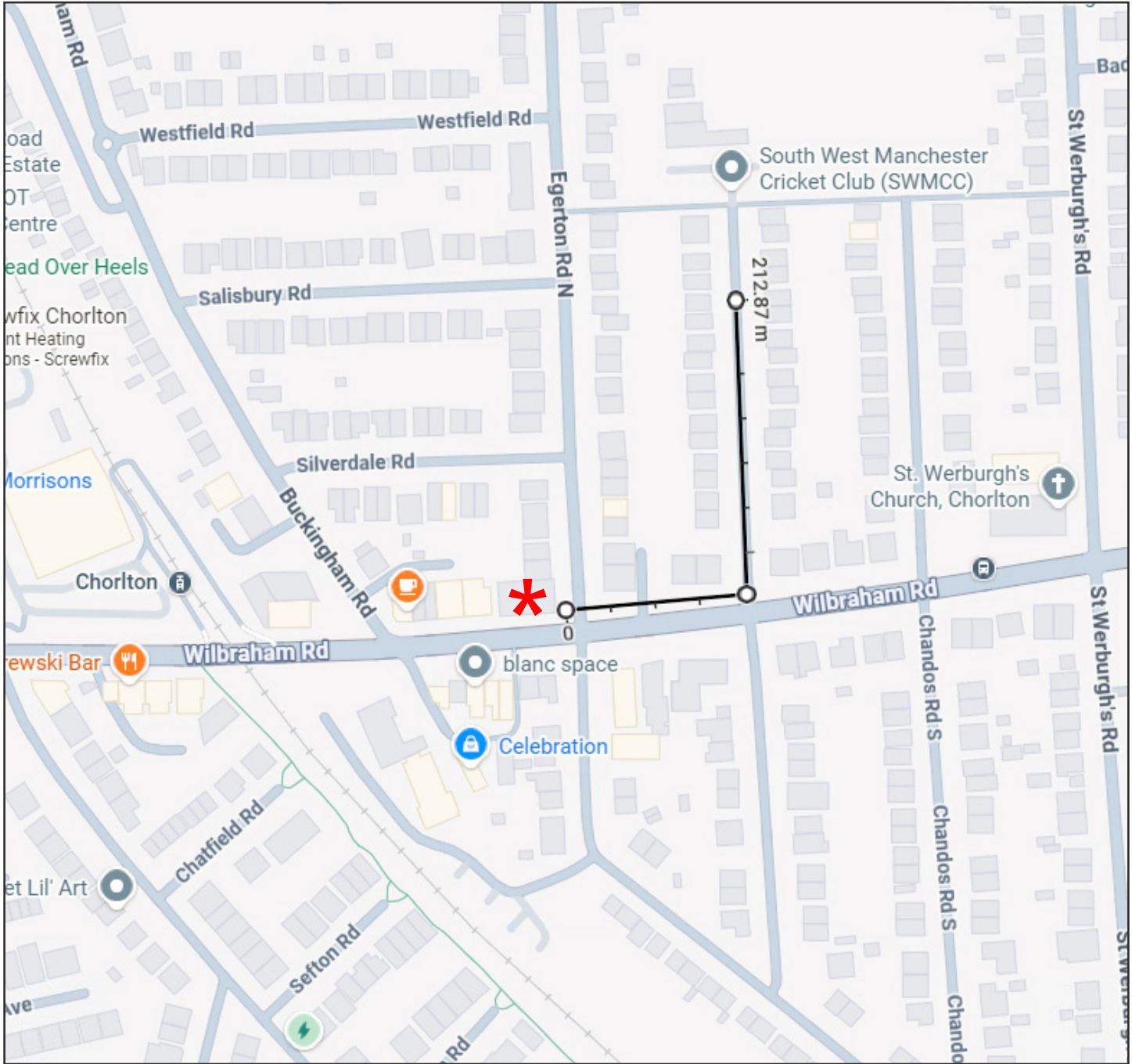
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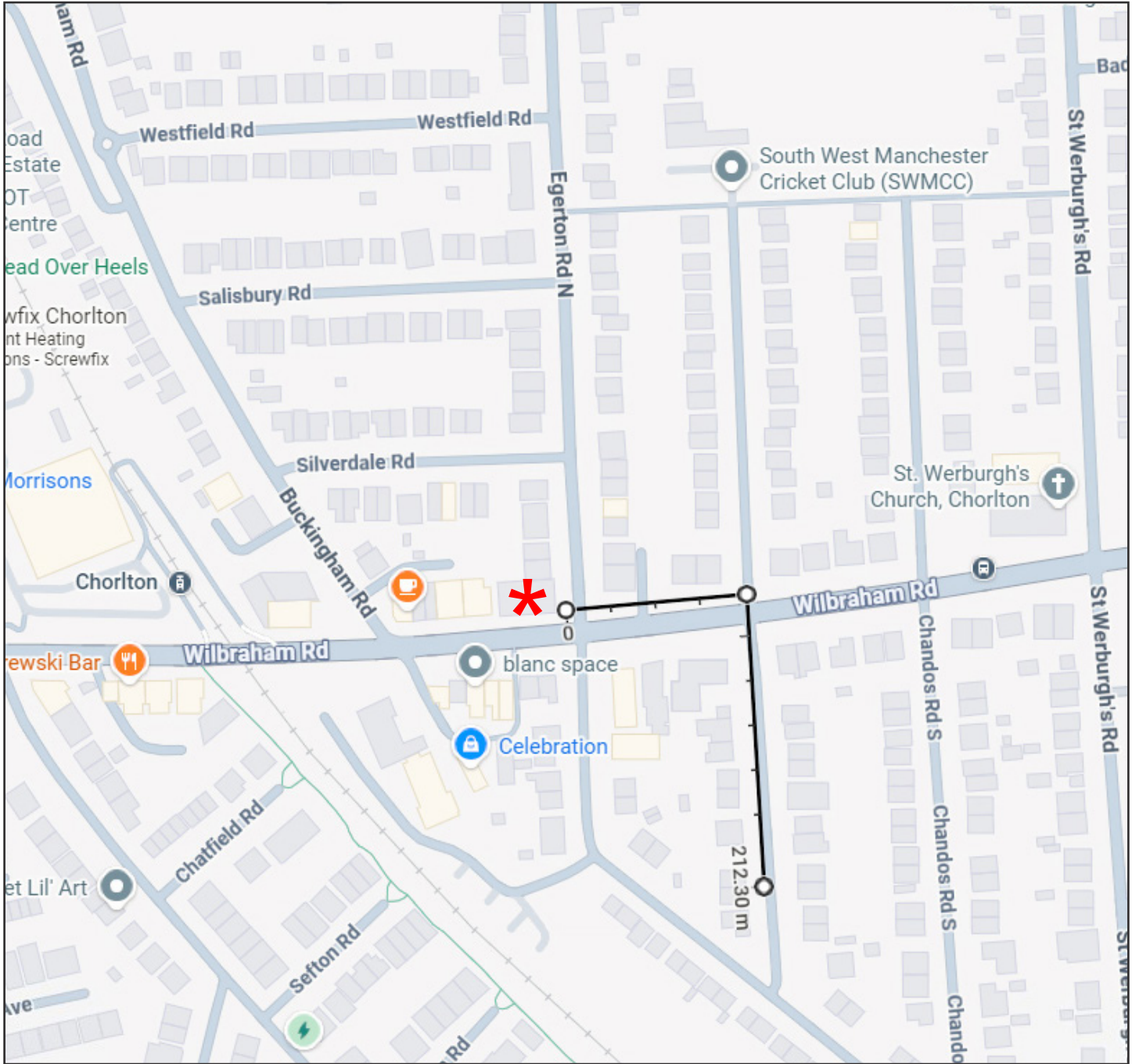
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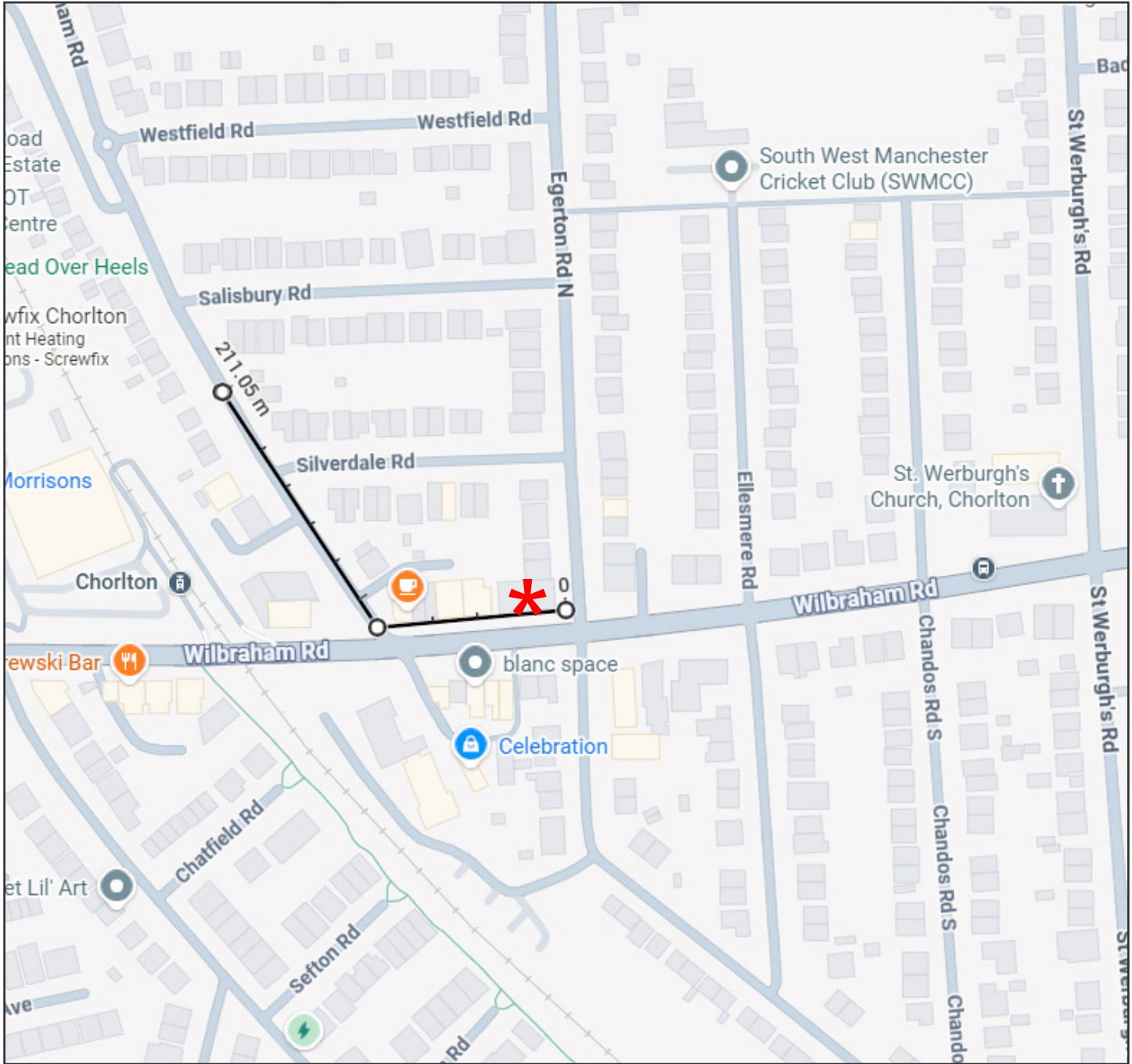
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Appendix C: Travel Welcome Note





1 Background

- 1.1 CBO Transport (CBO) has been commissioned by Armistead Properties to consider their residential apartment development at 404 Wilbraham Road, Chorlton. Part of this commission has been to provide information which can be used in a travel focused Welcome Pack.
- 1.2 In this context 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

- 2.1 404 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 404. 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 404 Wilbraham Road.

Table 2.1: Local Facilities within Walk Distances

Facility	Approx Walk Distance
Shops and other Town Centre Facilities	
Morrisons	250m
Post Office	280m
Chorlton Precinct	500m
Chorlton Library	700m
Schools	
St Oswalds Primary	800m
Manley Park Primary (Infants)	950m
Manley Park Primary (Juniors)	1.2km
St Johns RC Primary	1.2km
Chorlton High	1.1km
Health Care	
The Wilbraham Surgery	50m
Chorlton Health Centre	650m
KPS Pharmacy, Wilbraham Road	50m
Dentist (BUPA), Wilbraham Road	50m
Chorlton Smile Centre (NHS), Barlow Moor Road	550m

3 Cycling

- 3.1 There is secure cycle storage in 404 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 and 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.
- 3.4 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**.
- 3.5 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
- 3.6 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 to 404 Wilbraham Road and there are others within a 200m walk distance.
- 3.7 The scheme is operated by Starling Bank and membership and payment is through their Starling Bank Bikes App. There are standard and electric bikes available for hire.

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 at:-
 - Nicholas Road in the town centre (650m from 404 Wilbraham Road)
 - Torbay Road to the south of Wilbraham Road (650m from 404 Wilbraham Road)
 - Provis Road just off Beech Road (1.1km from 404 Wilbraham Road).
- 4.3 Booking and payment is through the **Enterprise Car Club** App.

5 Metrolink

- 5.1 The Metrolink station is on Wilbraham Road 250m from 404 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 404 Wilbraham Road are adjacent to the site on Wilbraham Road in the town centre direction. Buses 85, 85A and 150 use these stops.
- 6.2 As with all buses in Greater Manchester these buses are now operated by TfGM and form part of the integrated Bee Network which includes Metrolink. Over time the Bee Network will include train services in the City.

Services 85 and 85A

- 6.3 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 once they get to Wilbraham Road.
- 6.4 Buses to the City Centre go from the stop on the same side of the road as 404 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.
- 6.5 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.
- 6.6 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.
- 6.7 On Sundays the buses run every 20 minutes during the day and 30 minutes in the evening.
- 6.8 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

- 6.9 The 150 runs between Gorton and The Trafford Centre so the stops in Chorlton are mid route.
- 6.10 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 404 Wilbraham Road.
- 6.11 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 404 Wilbraham Road.
- 6.12 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

- 6.13 There are also bus stops on Barlow Moor Road just to the south of the Wilbraham Road junctions. These stops are 450m from 404 Wilbraham Road. Buses 23, 25, 86 and 87 uses these stops.

Service 23

- 6.14 The 23 runs between Stockport and The Trafford Centre so the stops in Chorlton are mid route.
- 6.15 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.
- 6.16 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.
- 6.17 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

- 6.18 The 25 also runs between Stockport and The Trafford Centre so the stops in Chorlton are mid route.
- 6.19 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.

- 6.20 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.
- 6.21 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

- 6.22 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.
- 6.23 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.
- 6.24 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.
- 6.25 On Sundays the buses run every 20 minutes during the day and 30 minutes in the early morning and evening.

Service 87

- 6.26 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.
- 6.27 The buses to Manchester stop on the east side of Barlow Moor Road.
- 6.28 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.

7 Journey Planning and Paying for Public Transport

- 7.1 The best way to plan a journey by tram and or bus is to use the **Bee Network** app. You can also buy tickets through the App including some travel cards.
- 7.2 The best way to pay for public transport however is to use the tap on tap off system with your card or phone. Yes, Manchester has caught up with London at last! You tap on at the start of your journey and off at the end, even if you have used a number of buses or changed between buses and trams during the journey. Soon the system will work on local trains as well.
- 7.3 Up to date timetables and route maps are available on TfGM's website.

8 Overview

- 8.1 404 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.
- 8.2 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.
- 8.3 The Metrolink and bus network provide a convenient and cost effective way to travel across the City.
- 8.4 If you need a car but not very often you can use the Enterprise Car Club.

