

Travel Plan Statement - C2 Childrens Residential 304C Devizes Road, Salisbury

Introduction

This Travel Plan Statement has been prepared in support of a planning approval for a C2 residential use at 304C Devizes Road, Salisbury. The purpose of the statement is to outline how transport impacts will be minimised and how sustainable travel options will be encouraged for residents, staff, and visitors.

Site Location and Accessibility

The site is located on 304c Devizes Road, a well-connected route approximately 2.5 km north-east of Salisbury city centre. The area is predominantly residential and benefits from existing pedestrian and transport infrastructure, with the closest bus stop being 0.2 miles away. Notably:

- Pedestrian access: Continuous pavements are provided along Devizes Road, allowing safe walking routes to nearby services.
- Cycling: The surrounding road network is suitable for cycling, with relatively moderate traffic speeds. Cycles will be accommodated in the covered side passageway easily accessible from the front of the property.
- Public transport: Bus stops as mentioned previously are located within walking distance of the site, providing regular services to Salisbury city centre and surrounding areas.
- Local amenities: Essential services (shops, healthcare, community facilities) are accessible within a short distance, reducing the need for long-distance travel.

Proposed Use and Travel Characteristics

The approved development will operate as a small childrens residential home (C2) accommodating a small number of children (up to 3) or young people with associated staff support.

Typical travel characteristics include:

- Residents: No car ownership. Limited independent travel; most activities locally based or supported
- Staff: Shift-based working patterns, with peak arrivals/departures aligned with shift changes. (There will be no shift changes between 10am – 7pm)
- Visitors: Occasional, generally spread throughout the day Mon – Fri outside of peak on street parking demand. There is plentiful, uncongested on street parking for occasional visitors who require it.

Overall, trip generation can be expected to be no more and possibly less intensive than standard residential (C3) use.

Sustainable Transport Measures

Sustainable travel will be encouraged at all times through the following:

Walking – There is safe pedestrian access to Devizes Road and there is also close proximity to bus stops and local facilities.

Cycling – The provision of secure cycle storage for staff and the full encouragement of cycle use for short journeys.

Public Transport - Information packs will be provided to staff and visitors highlighting local bus routes and timetables

Car Use - On-site parking provided at an appropriate level for staff and visitors and the encouragement of car sharing encouraged amongst staff where feasible. An EV charging point will be installed within the curtilage.

Servicing and Deliveries

Services (e.g. waste collection) will be no more frequent than a 4 bedroomed dwelling house

Deliveries (e.g. food) will be infrequent and managed during daytime hours.

Deliveries will also be accommodated on-site where possible to avoid obstruction on Devizes Road. There will be no more intensity of servicing or deliveries than for a 4 bedroomed dwelling.

Traffic Impact

Due to the small scale of the development, controlled staffing levels and limited resident travel, the home is expected to generate minimum additional traffic with no material impact on highway safety or local congestion. It is expected to run like a usual family home.

Travel Plan Management

The following Travel Plan approach will be adopted:

- There will be a designated contact (which is the home registered manager) who will oversee travel arrangements.
- Sustainable travel information will be made available to staff and encouraged
- Recruitment will be focussed locally.
- Occasional visitors will be reminded not to obstruct dropped kerbs or junctions
- Travel patterns can be reviewed periodically if required by the Local Planning Authority

Planning Policy Context

The proposed development has been considered against relevant local transport and sustainability policies set out within the Wiltshire Core Strategy (2015) and the Wiltshire Local Transport Plan (LTP4).

The Wiltshire Core Strategy establishes that development should support sustainable patterns of movement, reduce reliance on the private car, and ensure that new proposals are located where there is good access to services, facilities, and public transport.

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In addition, Wiltshire Council's transport strategy (LTP4) promotes an integrated approach to travel based on the principles of:

- Avoiding unnecessary travel, by locating development close to services and facilities
- Shifting travel towards sustainable modes, including walking, cycling, and public transport
- Improving transport efficiency and reducing carbon emissions, supporting the transition to low-carbon travel

The Council further seeks to encourage travel behaviours that are *convenient and accessible, environmentally sustainable and inclusive and supportive of community wellbeing*

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In this context, the C2 development at 304C Devizes Road is consistent with these objectives because:

- It is located within an established residential area of Salisbury with accessible walking routes and nearby services
- It benefits from proximity to public transport, reducing reliance on private car use
- The nature of the C2 use results in low trip generation no different from a 4 bedroom dwelling house.

- It supports efficient use of land within a sustainable urban location, aligning with the spatial strategy of concentrating development in accessible settlements

Overall, the development accords with Wiltshire Council's objectives to reduce the need to travel, promote sustainable transport choices, and minimise environmental impacts, and is therefore considered acceptable in transport and planning policy terms.

Staff Vehicle Management and Shift Handover Arrangements

Given the nature of the approved C2 children's residential use, staffing will be managed to minimise vehicle movements and on-street parking impacts. Staff numbers on duty at any one time will be limited and proportionate to resident needs. On-site parking will be provided to accommodate staff vehicles, ensuring that no overspill parking occurs on Devizes Road and as stated earlier staff will be encouraged to both car share where practicable and use sustainable modes of transport where feasible. The registered manager will ensure that staff parking is organised efficiently, with clear expectations set as part of employment arrangements

This approach aligns with Wiltshire Council's objective to manage travel demand and encourage more sustainable transport behaviours.

Shift Patterns and Handover Times

Staff will work on a shift-based rota, typical of childrens residential environments, with staggered start and finish times to minimise peaks in vehicle movements. Shift changes will typically occur outside of peak highway periods where possible and a short handover overlap period will be in place to ensure continuity of care

- During handovers:
 - Incoming staff will arrive before outgoing staff depart, resulting in a temporary increase in on-site vehicle presence
 - This will be accommodated entirely within the site's allocated parking provision by staggering the arrival/departure time of each handover.
- Staff will be instructed not to:
 - Park on surrounding roads during handover periods
 - Leave vehicles idling unnecessarily

Vehicle movements associated with shift changes will therefore be predictable and short in duration and have low overall volume that is contained within the site

Traffic Impact of Staff Movements

Due to the small number of staff, controlled shift patterns and onsite parking provision the impact of staff arrivals and departures is expected to be negligible in highway terms and will not result in congestion or safety concerns.

This management approach supports Wiltshire Council's transport strategy objectives to:

- Reduce reliance on the private car
- Minimise traffic impacts
- Promote efficient use of existing infrastructure [\[wiltshire.gov.uk\]](http://wiltshire.gov.uk)