

**TRANSPORT STATEMENT RELATING TO
281-283 LODDON BRIDGE ROAD, WOODLEY**

1. The existing NHS Practice at 281 London Bridge Road is the only NHS practice in Woodley and has five treatment rooms, one of which is a hygienist surgery. The Practice has a full NHS list of patients totalling 18,000 with over 4,000 people on its waiting list. The proposed conversion of 283 Loddon Bridge Road would provide an additional three treatment rooms.
2. In 2015, the applicant carried out a survey of their staff and each patient for a week recording how they travelled to the Practice and if they travelled by car, where did they park. The survey showed that the Practice lies at the centre of the RG5 postcode area and that over half (53%) of registered patients were from within a 0.75 mile radius of the Practice.
3. Of the total number of patients seen during the survey period, 66.6% travelled by car, 18% walked, 8% used public transport, 6.5% cycled and 0.48% arrived by motorcycle. The area is well served by public transport. Bus numbers 13 and 14 originate from central Reading and the bus stop is a two-minute walk from the Practice. The percentages referred to above remain very much relevant, although with the public's increased awareness of a healthy life style, the percentage of patients either walking or cycling has increased.
4. Of the 66.6% of patients who travelled to the Practice by car, the vast majority were able to park on site. The Practice operates a software management system that identifies the patient's mode of transport. This enables the Practice to arrange appointments according to how the patients arrive. Thus, they are able to stagger appointments and allocate times to ensure that there will only be two cars in the car park at any one time.
5. In terms of parking, it is proposed to increase the existing on-site parking from two spaces to four spaces, including a disabled bay, and increase cycle parking from six spaces to 12 spaces. The applicant is conscious that the proposed level of parking does not meet the Council's Standards. Accordingly, the Practice website provides details of areas where parking is possible, including a public car park within a short distance of the Practice. The website also provides information on buses and trains. A screen shot of this information on the website is submitted.
6. The existing and anticipated levels of patients arriving and leaving the site on any average day in any given time interval is difficult to quantify as treatment times can vary between 20 minutes and two hours. In a typical half-hour period, it is estimated that the number of patients leaving the existing Practice would be three to four and because of the necessity to allow a "fallow period" between patients, three patients arriving. In terms of the extended Practice, possibly four to five leaving and four arriving.
7. In terms of shift patterns of staff, the Practice opens at 8.30 am, closes for lunch between 1 pm and 2 pm, and closes at 5.30 pm in the evening. As a result of the proposal, it is anticipated that staffing levels will increase by three full-time staff members and one part-time staff member (e.g. hygienist or specialist dentist). Part-time staff will attend as and when required. Of the existing staff (nine full-time and one part-time) 50% walk to the Practice, 33% travel by public transport or bicycle and 16% travel by car but do not park on-site. It is anticipated that these percentages will remain the same.