



TRAVEL PLAN

Application for the change use of a dwelling (C3a), to a children's home for two children, with a manager and up to three carers, two of whom would sleep overnight, working on a rota basis (C2).

**32 Cirrus Drive,
Reading,
Berkshire,
RG2 9FL**

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1 Introduction

1.1 This Travel Plan has been prepared by Adrian Rose, of Rose Consulting, on behalf of Ka-Ching-Jane Lau, Lifespring Residences Ltd, who proposes to change the use of 32 Cirrus Drive, a C3a use, to a C2 children's care home. The property is a four-bedroom townhouse used as a children's residential care home for two children, aged 7 to 17. The home operates 24 hours a day with a manager and up to three carers on site, two of whom sleep overnight on a rota basis. The property has one designated off-street parking space and will introduce a bicycle rack in the garden to encourage cycling.

1.2 This Travel Plan sets out the measures Lifespring Residences Ltd will implement to encourage sustainable travel and minimise the reliance on private car use. It outlines our approach to promoting alternative transport modes, managing vehicle movements, and reducing congestion in the surrounding area. The plan will be reviewed annually to ensure its effectiveness and updated as necessary.

2 Objectives

- 2.1 To minimise the impact of vehicle traffic generated by the children's home on the local community.
- 2.2 To encourage staff, visitors, and residents to use sustainable and alternative modes of transport.
- 2.3 To comply with relevant local and national policies, including the NPPF Section 9 (Sustainable Transport) and Core Strategy policy CP6.
- 2.4 To regularly review and update the plan to reflect changing circumstances and best practices.

3 Travel Measures

3.1 Public Transport

The property is well-served by public transport, with two bus stops located at Duckett's Farm, less than a five-minute walk away. The Leopard 3 bus service provides connections in two directions:

- Towards Wokingham (via Arborfield, Arborfield Green, Finchampstead, and Barkham) – approximately 40 minutes.
- Towards Reading town centre – approximately 25 minutes. From Reading town centre, staff and visitors can access the main train line to destinations including London Paddington, Basingstoke, Wokingham, Maidenhead, Oxford, and Slough.

3.2 Cycling and Walking

Dedicated cycle lanes are available on the main roads near the property. A secure bicycle rack will be installed in the rear garden before the home becomes operational, encouraging staff to cycle to work.

3.3 Staff Travel Policy

- Staff will be required to use public transport or cycle to work where possible. Free bus passes or subsidised taxi fares will be provided to facilitate this.
- Staff contracts include a no on-street parking policy, which will be strictly enforced.

- Shift patterns are designed to minimise traffic movements, with staff working 48-hour shifts and changes occurring once daily around 8:30 am. The manager will typically be on site from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on weekdays. These estimated comings and goings are set out in schedule 2 below.

3.4 Children's Travel Arrangements

- The children residing at the home will attend mainstream or specialist schools as appropriate to their individual needs.
- Transport to and from school will be provided using the designated company vehicle, driven by a member of staff.
- Children may participate in extracurricular activities, therapy sessions, and social outings as part of their personalised care plans.
- Where suitable and safe, public transport will be utilised to encourage independence and familiarity with the local area, accompanied by staff for supervision.
- All outings and activities will be carefully planned to minimise disruption to the local community and reduce unnecessary vehicle movement.
- The children will not have access to private vehicles, and all movements will be managed and coordinated by staff to ensure safety and consistency.
- These estimated comings and goings are set out in schedule 2 below.

3.5 Visitor Management:

- In addition to OFSTED's one visit per year, there will be visits by local social services circa every four to six weeks and one Regulation 44 each month.
- Family and social worker visits will be pre-arranged and coordinated to minimise disruption. Where possible, meetings will be arranged at alternative locations, such as therapist offices or public spaces.
- Visits by other social workers and therapists are typically infrequent, occurring around once a month or as needed. Usually, each child's social worker would visit them individually but if they are from the same local authority one of the social workers may visit both children.
- Family visits will also be carefully scheduled to avoid congestion.
- An estimate of the average number of comings and goings in a week of the existing and proposed use are set out below.

4 Predicted Movements to and from the Property

4.1 To assess the likely impact on traffic and movements, we have compared the estimated comings and goings of the previous occupants (a family of two adults and three children) with the proposed use as a children's care home.

4.2 The tables below outline the estimated daily movements for both the previous residential use and the proposed care home, based on



experience from similar settings.

Schedule 1: estimated comings and goings of previous occupants, a family of 2 adults and three children

Activity	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Journeys to work		2	2	2	2	2	
School Run		4	4	4	4	4	
Shopping/ Social/recreational outings	4			2			4
Other visitors	2			2		2	4
Total Movements (in and out)	6	6	6	10	6	8	8

Schedule 2: Proposed Use (based upon experience of other similar homes)

Activity	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Home Manager /daily carer	2	4	4	4	4	4	2
Care workers starting and finishing shift	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
School run		4	4	4	4	4	
Shopping/ Social/recreational outings	4						4
Visitors	2			2			2
Total Movements (in and out)	10	10	10	12	10	10	10

5 Monitoring and Review

The travel plan will be reviewed annually to assess its effectiveness and identify improvements. Feedback from staff, visitors, and the local community will be gathered to inform updates. The plan will be overseen by the Director, Ka-Ching-Jane Lau, who will ensure its implementation and ongoing compliance.



6 Conclusion

This travel plan outlines the measures in place to reduce private car use and promote sustainable travel at the Children's Home, located at 32 Cirrus Drive. Through the encouragement of public transport, cycling, and responsible visitor management, the home will minimise its impact on the local community while promoting sustainable practices.