

Bury Council
Planning Services
3 Knowsley Place
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Our ref TRA/23/336

Your ref:

05th September 2023

Dear Sir / Madam

Application Number: **70002**

Location: **Site of Radcliffe Leisure Centre, Spring Lane, Radcliffe, Manchester, M26 2SZ**

Proposal: **Demolition of existing school buildings/temporary leisure centre and erection of a two storey temporary school building, external landscaping and associated site infrastructure**

Thank you for consulting Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) on the above planning application. The following comments are offered as advice on transport issues for you to balance against other factors in determining the application and are made in the context of TfGM's role in the planning process, as set out in the footnote below.¹

Background

The application seeks approval for a temporary classroom accommodation for the first-year group of a proposed permanent school. The temporary arrangement will be for approximately 150 pupils and 30 FTE staff. The temporary

¹TfGM does not have any planning powers and is not a statutory consultee in the planning process. The purpose of the advice offered is to suggest the best way to improve land use / transport integration through the development proposals. Advice is based on the information provided by the applicant, and it is not TfGM's role to undertake detailed verification unless specifically commissioned to do so.

²TfGM control and manage the traffic signals in Greater Manchester, as such any schemes that alter signalised junctions need to be agreed with TfGM. Additionally, where developments impact on signalised junctions, TfGM have a duty of care to ensure that these impacts are satisfactorily mitigated as part of the planning process.

accommodation will include associated parking/turning areas and a separate sports court.

Highways Overview

Colleagues from within TfGM HFAS (Highways Forecasting Analytical Services) and UTC (Urban Traffic Control) have reviewed the Transport Statement (TS) issued in support of the proposed educational development and have provided comments in respect of the relevant sections.

I. Accident Analysis

The accident data should reflect the latest five-year period that is available.

II. Trip Generation

There is no mention of the potential trip generation generated by facilities which will be for community use. This comment was provided at scoping stage.

III. Traffic Regulation Orders

TfGM would suggest that it may be beneficial for a review to be undertaken of the Traffic Regulation Orders in the vicinity of the development, with a view to introducing additional parking restrictions as appropriate, as well as ensuring adequate parking restrictions remain in place, and are refreshed accordingly. This will help to discourage pavement parking associated with the development and therefore assist in improving the quality of the surrounding public realm.

IV. Highway Improvements

The following improvements are recommended:

- The crossing should be upgraded to a modern Puffin or Toucan crossing to improve pedestrian safety.
- The position of the crossing should be reviewed, as it may be safer to move it a few metres further from the access road to improve the visibility of the crossing for vehicles exiting the site, although this is dependent on which access road is utilised.
- The width of the crossing should be reviewed if there are expected to be large numbers of pedestrians crossing the road at any one time, eg school children crossing to and from the Metrolink station or bus stops.

- Additional display units may also be required to improve visibility of the red/green man display if there are large numbers of pedestrians.

V. Other

A robust Construction Traffic Management Plan should be employed as part of the development.

We hope you find these comments useful in the determination of this planning application. Should you wish to discuss any matter further please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

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