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Travel Plan for 121 – 131 Bell Lane, Bury.

PROPOSED CONVERSION OF EXISTING BUILDING FIRST FLOOR AND PART GROUND FLOOR TO CREATE 9NO FLATS, 7NO ONE BEDROOM FLATS & 2NO TWO BEDROOM FLATS INCLUDING OPENING UP EXISTING EXTERNAL OPENINGS AND THE CREATION OF NEW WINDOW AND DOOR OPENINGS ON THE GROUND AND FIRST FLOOR & RETENTION OF EXISTING RETAIL USE ON THE GROUND FLOOR.

Travel Plan for 121 - 131 Bell Lane, Bury

1. Introduction

This Travel Plan supports the provision of 8 parking spaces for a development comprising 9 flats at 121 - 131 Bell Lane, Bury. Given the site's strategic location on a main bus route and its proximity to the town centre, bus station, and train / tram stops, the proposed parking allocation aligns with sustainable transport objectives and local planning policies.

2. Site Accessibility

2.1 Public Transport

- **Bus Services:** Bell Lane is serviced by frequent bus routes connecting to Bury town centre and surrounding areas, facilitating convenient access for residents.
- **Rail and Tram Services:** The development is within walking distance of Bury's train and tram stations, offering efficient links to Greater Manchester and beyond.

2.2 Walking and Cycling

- **Proximity to Amenities:** The town centre, with its array of shops, services, and employment opportunities, is easily accessible on foot.
- **Cycling Infrastructure:** Existing cycling routes provide safe and direct paths to key destinations.

3. Policy Context

3.1 SPD11: Parking Standards in Bury

SPD11 emphasises managing parking supply to encourage sustainable travel choices. It acknowledges that lower parking provisions are appropriate in areas with high public transport accessibility. The document states:

"Levels of available parking can be an influential factor in determining peoples' choice of mode of transport."

Given the site's excellent connectivity, the proposed parking ratio supports SPD11's objectives by promoting alternative transportation modes.

3.2 SPD12: Travel Plans in Bury

SPD12 outlines the requirement for Travel Plans to promote sustainable transport. Key measures include:

- **Information Provision:** Supplying residents with details on public transport options, cycling routes, and walking paths.
- **Cycle Facilities:** Ensuring secure bicycle storage to encourage cycling.
- **Car Sharing:** Facilitating car-sharing schemes to reduce individual car use.

This Travel Plan incorporates these measures to align with SPD12's guidelines.

4. Proposed Measures

4.1 Resident Information Packs

Upon move-in, residents will receive comprehensive packs detailing:

- Local public transport timetables and routes.
- Maps highlighting walking and cycling paths to key destinations.
- Information on local car-sharing schemes.

4.2 Bicycle Storage

Secure, covered bicycle storage facilities will be provided on-site to encourage cycling as a primary mode of transport.

4.3 Car Sharing Promotion

The development will promote existing car-sharing platforms and facilitate connections among residents interested in carpooling.

5. Monitoring and Review

A designated Travel Plan Coordinator will oversee the implementation of the Travel Plan, monitor its effectiveness, and make adjustments as necessary to ensure ongoing alignment with sustainable transport objectives.

6. Conclusion

The provision of 8 parking spaces for 9 flats at 121 - 131 Bell Lane is justified by the site's excellent access to public transport and amenities, as well as the commitment to implementing measures that promote sustainable travel. This approach is consistent with Bury's SPD11 and SPD12, supporting reduced reliance on private vehicles and encouraging alternative modes of transportation.