

Vehicle Movements and Highways Safety

The site has provision for offstreet parking (15 spaces) including a dedicated wheelchair parking space. There is space for vehicles entering the site to manoeuvre in such a way as to permit them to exit site in a forward gear.

A large part of the applicant's business takes place away from the application site. Full-time staff at the offices will be no more than 8 to 10 people and of these a number will travel either by foot or by public transport as they tend to live locally and the site is well served by public transport.

The applicant's other business vehicles are small vans, no larger than many family cars. The storage element of the application scheme is small scale where occasional customers may collect equipment in large cardboard boxes – typically something that can be handled by an individual alone.

Large delivery vehicles will visit the site very rarely, comparable with the sort of visits of larger commercial vehicles made to many residential properties.

A typical pattern of vehicle types and movements associated with the application scheme would reasonably be:

Permanent Office based

- 1 x MD
- 1 x office manger
- 2 x admin
- 1 x sales
- 5 x CAD / BIM

Site Based Staff

- 2 x survey managers (ford ranger pick-up)
- 4 x senior surveyors (ford vans)
- 6 x junior surveyors (mixture of company vans & private cars)

The site based staff would spend approx. 2/3 of their yearly working days on site & say 1/3 of their yearly working days in the office on average.

Some of these staff will however often vehicle share when coming to the office.

The applicant has commented:

"I would say that no one would really go out in their car during the day as we will just walk to all local amenities within 2 minutes. Vehicle movements would be just arrival 08:00hrs and leaving (90% of staff) at 17:00hrs. Some staff my work later on occasion.

We probably would expect to get say 1 delivery, or collection from UPS once a day and we may get on average say 1 visitor per day also and that's about it really.

I would guess on average we'd be looking at 12 to 14 staff vehicles at the office each day?"

This would seem comparable with (if not a reduction on) the vehicle movements associated with the most recent use of the site as a vehicle repair business and unlikely to prejudice public safety on the highway.