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# **Goldthorpe Primary Academy**

## **Draft Travel Plan**

**October 2013**

## Introduction

This draft travel plan has been compiled to satisfy planning conditions placed upon the new Goldthorpe Primary Academy which will be constructed on an area cleared of housing off Doncaster Road (Main Street area of Goldthorpe), Barnsley. Due to expanding pupil numbers it will be built as 330 place school with ability to expand to a 420 school at a later date.

The conditions state:-

*'Prior to the occupation of the building a draft travel plan shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The plan shall indicate measures that will be put in place to encourage travel by modes other than the private car, allow for regular reporting and monitoring to be undertaken. Subsequently, within six months of the site becoming operational, a detailed travel plan shall be submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority and thereafter the approved plan shall be fully implemented'*

## What is a travel plan?

A travel plan is a package of measures that promote sustainable modes of transport with an emphasis on reducing the number of single occupancy car journeys. Travel plans will vary dependant upon the circumstances of your organisation but will ultimately provide and promote transport choices for, pupil, staff, visitors, and business use.

A travel plan is a *process* which will evolve over time and reflect the changing circumstances of both your organisation and the area in which you are located.

## Background Information

The existing Dearne Goldthorpe Primary School will be converting to academy status in 2013 and BMBC are constructing a new school building at a location just off Doncaster Road in Goldthorpe centre.

This school, for the purpose of this document is to be known as Goldthorpe Primary Academy and relates to the proposed site. The proposed site will be due to be occupied in September 2015.

## Aims and objectives

- Limit the impact that a development will have on a local highway network;
- Emphasise the infrastructure needed to enable sustainable transport modes to be established;
- Mitigate the damage caused to the environment by reducing the need to travel as a single occupant of a car;
- Benefit health by encouraging travel modes such as walking and cycling;
- Improve the quality of journey for those who walk/cycle to school;
- Promote sustainable modes of transport.

## Location

The new Goldthorpe Primary Academy will be situated close to Goldthorpe town centre on Doncaster Road, Goldthorpe, Barnsley. The school is in the Dearne Valley and has a very local catchment area with children attending Goldthorpe Primary Academy coming from very deprived backgrounds. More than 90% of the children attending Goldthorpe are eligible for free school meals,

The school achieves good academic progress despite its deprived intake. Goldthorpe Primary Academy employs 46 members of staff, 20 full time, 20 part time and 6 casual. There are currently 275 pupils on role and this due to expand over the coming years. The school receives approximately 15 visitors on average per week. The school is open from 08.50 until 15.15.

## Current car parking facilities

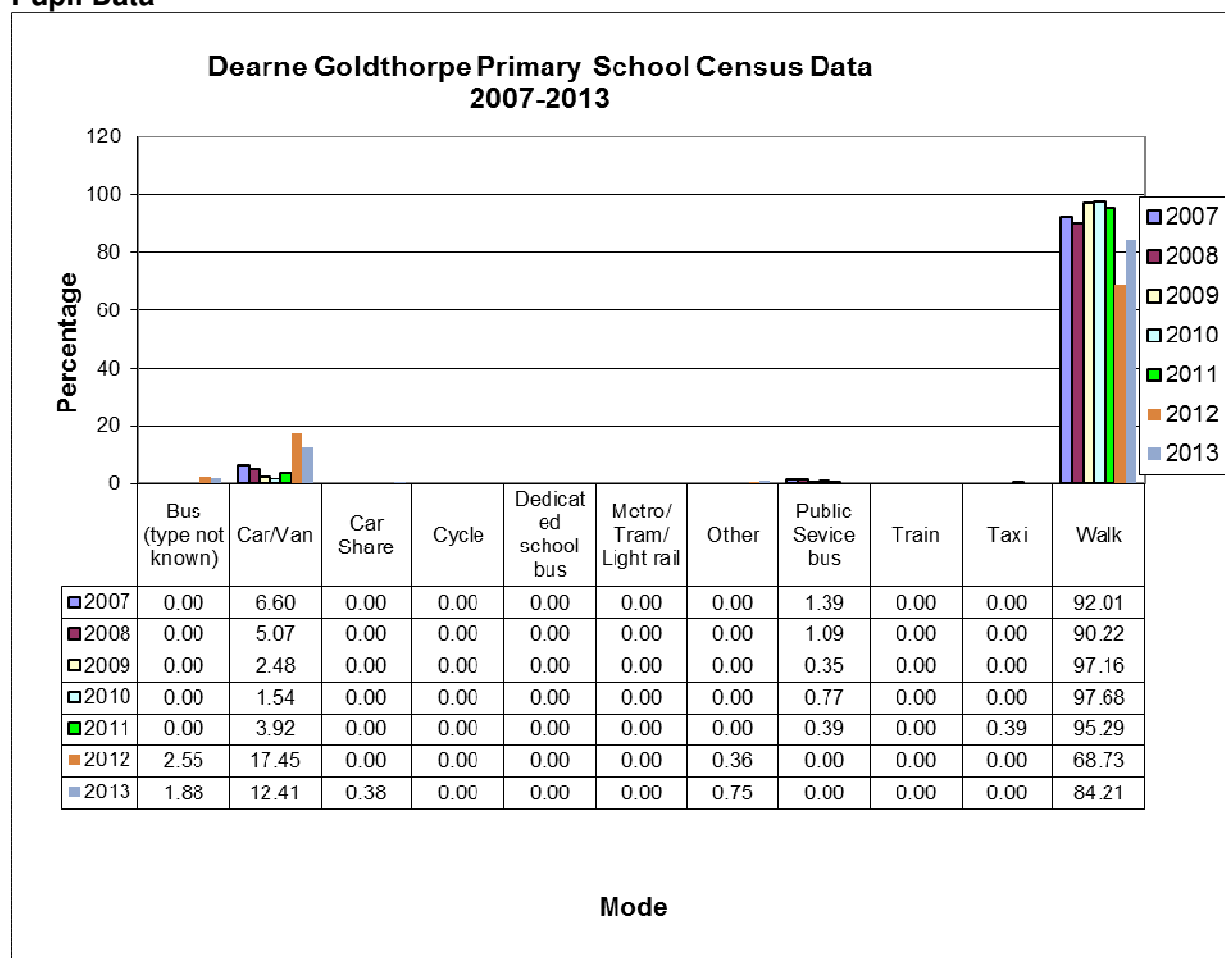
It is proposed that the new school will have 39 allocated parking bays and 3 accessible parking bays.

## Existing Information

### Survey results

Pupils and staff were surveyed in January 2013 to identify how they currently travel to school/work.

### Pupil Data



## Staff

19 members of staff live in the local area and walk to school.

27 members of staff drive to work by car.

No members of staff cycle or travel by public transport to work.

Due to the geographical location of their homes the staff who travel by car feel that it is their only choice of transport practically available to them.

## Pupils

Out of all the pupils surveyed only 12% of pupils are dropped off at school by car.

85% of pupils walk to school and 3% travel by bus.

Although there is a relatively low number of pupils who travel to school by car work will be done with these pupils and families between now and the new school opening to encourage them to walk or cycle to school.

## Targets

Through the data set out in this plan we will aim to achieve the following targets:

- To reduce the number of car journeys made by staff by 2% by 2015
- To increase the number of pupils walking to school by 5% by 2015
- To decrease the number of pupils traveling to school by car by 5% by 2015

## Actions

| Action                                                                                                                                                               | Responsible person | Target Date    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| To carry out further surveys, workshops and consultation with staff to map out exact geographic locations and encourage where possible car sharing journeys to work. |                    | April 2014     |
| To review public transport routes and options for staff and encourage useage of any available viable routes.                                                         |                    | April 2014     |
| Discuss with pupils and parents the advantages of walking to school rather than driving by car.                                                                      |                    | September 2014 |
| Discuss mode of transport at parent consultation meetings.                                                                                                           |                    | September 2014 |
| Promote sustainable travel on new academy website.                                                                                                                   |                    | January 2014   |
| Continue to take annual census data and expand this into further detailed survey questions for staff pupils and parents.                                             |                    | Annually       |
| To engage with bikability initiatives                                                                                                                                |                    | Annually       |

## Monitoring and Evaluation

| <b>Activity</b>                                                                                              | <b>Who</b> | <b>Month &amp; Year</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| Next survey - school census – Mode of Travel to capture 100% return data. Ensure the data is updated yearly. |            | Annual                  |
| Next review and amend STP from school census data                                                            |            | July 2014               |
| Update STP if changes in pupil travel needs from developments in education & transport provision             |            | As appropriate          |
| Review & update STP in school development/improvement plan & school prospectus accordingly                   |            | July 2014               |