

TRANSPORT STATEMENT & FRAMEWORK TRAVEL PLAN

Proposed Day Nursery – Northfleet, Gravesham, Kent

1. Executive Summary

This Transport Statement demonstrates that the proposed nursery development will not result in a severe residual cumulative impact in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). The site is sustainably located, and the development includes a robust and enforceable Travel Plan with clear mitigation measures.

2. Policy Context

This proposal aligns with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), Kent County Council guidance including SPG4, and local planning policies within Gravesham Borough Council.

3. Site Accessibility

The site benefits from strong pedestrian access, proximity to residential areas, and access to local bus routes connecting to Gravesend town centre, Bluewater, and Gravesend railway station.

4. Trip Generation and Impact

Nursery trips are short duration (2–3 minutes), staggered, and dispersed. There are no concentrated peak periods. Staff travel is also staggered and managed.

Conclusion: The development does not create a severe transport impact.

5. Mitigation Strategy

- Local catchment admissions policy
- Staff minibuss scheme
- Staggered start times
- Walking and cycling incentives
- Managed drop-off system

6. Framework Travel Plan

A Travel Plan Coordinator will be appointed.

Key measures include:

- Staff minibuss scheme to reduce car use
- Walking target of at least 60%
- Cycling incentives and storage
- Public transport encouragement
- Drop-off management procedures

7. Parking and Highway Safety

The development minimises parking demand and avoids unsafe highway conditions. No significant obstruction or safety concerns are anticipated.

8. Monitoring and Review

The Travel Plan will include baseline surveys, annual monitoring, and ongoing review mechanisms.

9. Comparative Use Analysis

The nursery use generates significantly less traffic than alternative lawful uses such as offices, schools, or community halls.

10. Conclusion

The development complies with national and local policy. There are no defensible transport or highway grounds for refusal.

11. Suggested Planning Condition

The development shall operate in accordance with the approved Travel Plan and be subject to annual review.