

Proposed New 2 FE Primary School and Nursery

At

**The Church of the Holy Family,
Vale Lane, West Acton**

Draft Green Travel Plan

March 2011



Introducing the Green Travel Plan

Introduction

This draft Green Travel Plan has been prepared by DHP (UK) LLP and the Diocese of Westminster, in consultation with LB Ealing. As the school has not yet been established, has no governing body and does not yet have the required statutory approvals, this draft plan has been produced in order to provide information in support of the planning application for the proposed new school. Although the schools green travel plan needs to be formally ratified by the school governing body once appointed, we believe that this draft plan represents an accurate reflections of the issues and likely mitigation measures which will eventually be adopted.

The need for local school places

LB Ealing have identified an acute, sustained and worsening shortage of Primary School places within the North Ealing / Acton area. LB Ealing have approached the Diocese of Westminster with a request to assist in the provision of more state school places to satisfy some of the excess demand in the North Ealing / Acton area and have identified this site as their preferred option for establishment of a new two form entry Voluntary Aided Catholic Primary School and Nursery.

The proposed new school

This proposal involves the establishment of a new two Form Entry Voluntary Aided Catholic Primary School and Nursery accommodation 446 (full time equivalent) pupils. The pupil intake would be evenly staggered over seven years from September 2012 when the school would accept the first Reception Classes.

We accept that increased traffic in the immediate vicinity of the proposed school is likely to be a concern for local residents, but also that any resultant traffic issues are likely to be caused by local people. The data provided by LB Ealing identifying the need for additional school places in the North Ealing / Acton area demonstrates that the need for school places is very local.

The School will be aware of their responsibilities to the local neighbourhood, and are keen to minimise any traffic impact they have locally and discourage the use of cars for transport to and from the school wherever possible.

In accordance with LB Ealing SPG 21 Green Travel Plans, a draft Green Travel Plan has been prepared to reflect the proposed development. The key goals of the plan include:

- Establish sustainable behaviour as a core principle of the new school
- Maximise safety for children who walk or cycle to school and thereby encourage more pupils and staff to walk or cycle.
- To actively promote the health and social benefits of walking or cycling to school
- Where walking or cycling to school is not suitable, to encourage the use of public transport
- Minimise the impact of the new school on local residents and the local road network
- Minimise congestion outside the school
- Encourage car sharing where the use of cars unavoidable
- Encourage responsible parking where the use of cars unavoidable

In order to facilitate the implementation of the Green Travel Plan, a Working Committee will be established within the new School. The committee will initially meet to adopt the plan before the first pupil intake in September 2012, following which they will meet at the end of each half to monitor progress and review procedures as necessary.

Introducing our School

School Name:	New 2 FE Primary School & Nursery
School Address:	Vale Lane, West Acton, W3 0DY
Telephone Number:	0207 798 9185
Email address:	Nigel.spears@rcdow.org.uk
Website Address:	www.rcdow.org.uk
LEA/School DfE Ref Number:	Not yet known.
Type of school:	Voluntary Aided Primary School
Location of the School:	

The site is located on Vale Lane, West Acton, within the northwest end of the Hanger Hill Garden Estate Conservation Area (HHGECA). The site encompasses all of Sub-Area 3 as identified in the LB Ealing HHGECA Character Appraisal. The site is located within an area designated on the Unitary Development Plan Proposals Map as residential.

The site occupies an area of 0.93 hectares and comprises a gently sloping triangle of land bounded at the south by Vale Lane, to the west by the Piccadilly Line tube (over ground but within a cutting) and by the pedestrian only footpath, Masons Green Lane, to the east.

The site currently comprises the following:-

- **Church of the Holy Family & Presbytery** to the southwest of the site – This building dates from 1967 and is locally listed as a notable building of modernist design.
- **The Parish Centre** (formerly the Garden Estate Country Club) to the south east of the site.
- **Grounds** to the north of Church and Parish Centre comprising a macadam carpark, former bowling green and two neglected tennis courts.

The school's main entrance and car park will be accessed via the main driveway off Vale Lane at the South of the site. Secondary site entrances for pedestrian use only will also be provided off Masons Green Lane along the Eastern elevation of the site.

The secondary pedestrian entrances on Masons Green Lane will be used at the beginning and end of the school day in order to reduce pressure in the main entrance and spread pedestrian traffic generated more evenly around the site.

The car park will provide 18 No. standard car parking bays and 2 No. disabled parking bays, however this car park will be for joint use of the school, the parish centre the Church and presbytery. Means of electronic access control will be provided at the vehicular access to the site to restrict unauthorised access to the car park by visitors and parents.

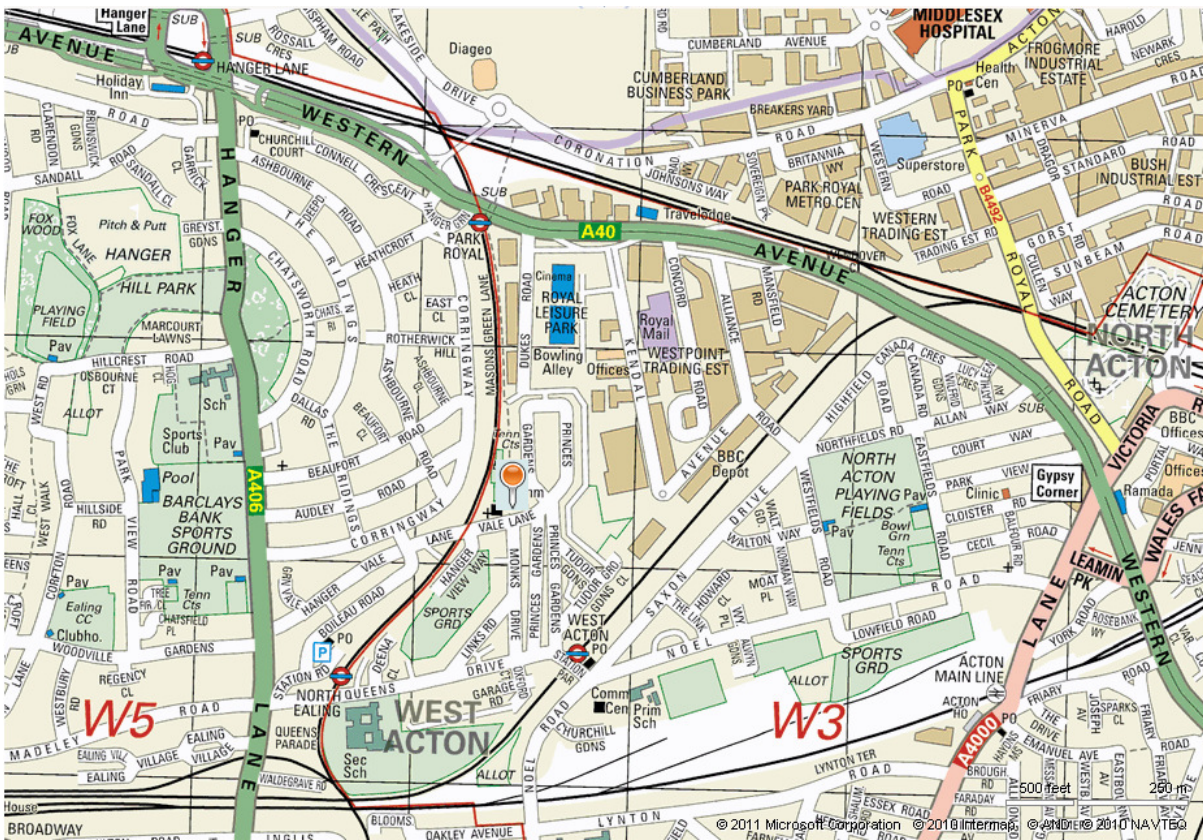
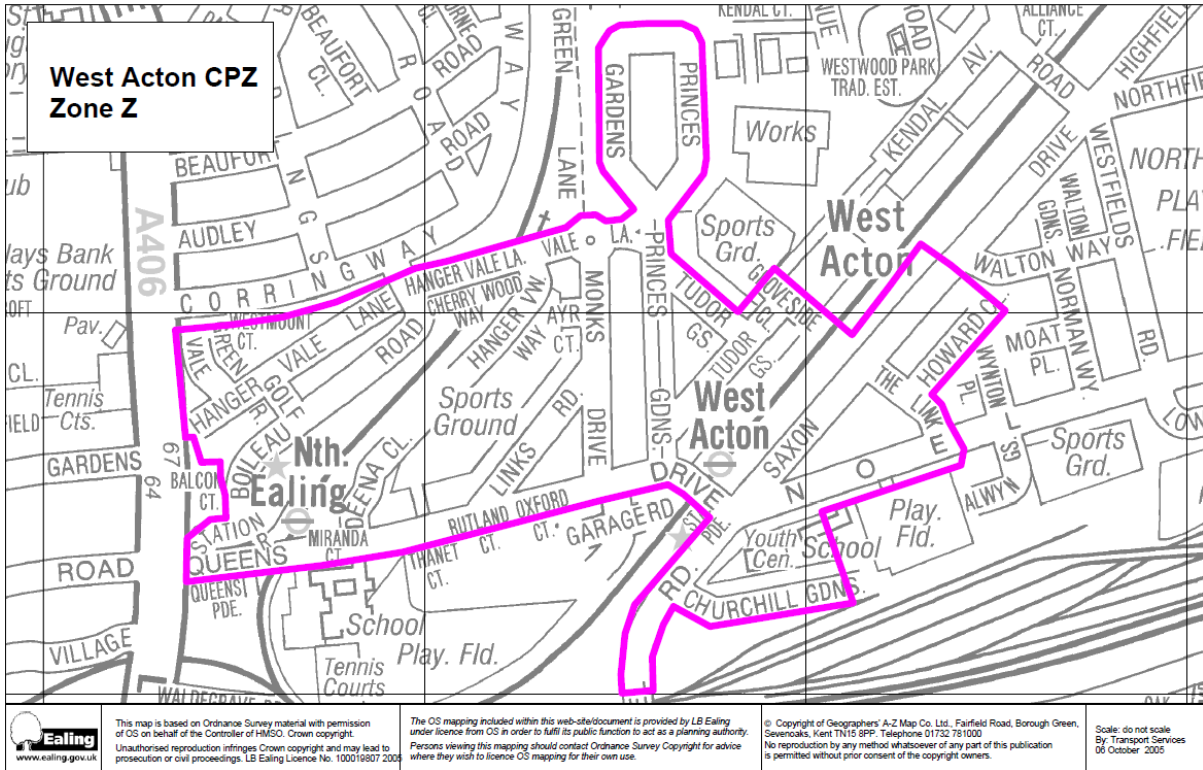
There are car parking restriction in the form of on-street parking bays which on the Northern side of Vale Lane adjacent to the site entrance which are Monday – Friday 8:00am – 6:30pm, 2 hours and no return within 1 hour.

The site is also located within West Acton controlled Parking Zone – Zone Z which is operational between the hours of Monday – Friday, 10am-11am and 3pm-5pm for resident permit holders only.

There are extensive footway facilities throughout the area providing good permeability and link to the various facilities throughout the Borough. There is a dedicated footpath / cycleway directly adjacent to the site (Masons Green Lane) leading North towards the Park Royal train station on

Western Avenue. The surrounding streets adjacent to the site benefit from traffic calming and reduced vehicle speeds which benefit both cycling and walking.

Map showing schools location and CPZ:



Pedestrian & School entrances:

The main entrance to the school is located on Vale Lane, the entrance serves as both pedestrian and (staff and visitor only) access controlled vehicle access. Pedestrians have a double gate access point to use adjacent to the main school vehicle gates. There is a dedicated pathway down to the school reception entrance from the main front pedestrian entrance. This entrance is in use throughout the school day.

There are a further three pedestrian access points provided along Masons Green Lane. One of which provided pedestrian access directly into the Parish Centre building, a second of which provides access to the nursery area and one providing access to the rear hard surfaced playground area. Access to all gates will be controlled to limit unauthorised access to the site. The pedestrian gates providing access to the playground and nursery areas will only be operational at the beginning and end of the school day and will be kept locked secure at all other times (Note: nursery hours vary from main school hours).

Facilities:

	Description	Numbers Now	Numbers after redevelopment
The car park – For use by School, Parish Centre, Church & Presbytery	No. of parking spaces	22	18
	No. of disabled spaces	0	2
Cycle storage	No. of cycle parking bays	0	48
How secure is this storage provided		N/A	Good, within secure site
Storage lockers	No. of staff storage lockers	0	20
	No. of pupil storage lockers	0	0
Shower facilities	Are staff shower facilities available	No	Yes
	Are pupil shower facilities available	No	No

Transport links:

The site has a PTAL of 3, which is an average PTAL score. The services that are accessible to the site are regular with excellent connections to other major public transport modes in the area.

Buses:

83 / 487, closest stop Hanger Lane, approx 650m from the school.

440, closest stop Noel Road approx 500m from the school.

95, closest stop Western Avenue, approx 400m from the school.

Trains/Tube:

The nearest train station to the school is West Acton Station approx 0.3m walking distance to the South East of the site and form part of the Central Line in Zone 3. In addition, North Ealing Rail Station is approx 0.55m walking distance West of the site and forms part of the Piccadilly line in Zone 3.

Roads:

The school is situated approx 1km South of the A40 and approx 0.5km East of the A406 Hanger Lane.

Vale Lane is subject to a 20mph speed limit in the vicinity and has traffic calming features such as speed cushions and priority working with width restriction to the west of the railway.

School Opening & Closing Times:

	Open/start	Close/finish
School site	07.20	18.30
Breakfast club	07.50	08.50
After School Club	15.15	18.00
Pupils official school time		
Nursery (morning session)	09.00	11:45
Nursery (afternoon session)	12:15	15:00
Infants & Juniors	09:00	15:15

Use of school outside of school hours including extended schools activities:

The new school will be part of the parish community and at present (March 2011) the parish centre and church offer a whole range of community services and facilities to both the parish and the wider community.

The school and parish are aware of the value of the facilities on the site to the local community and are committed as part of this development to continue to provide these school / parish controlled services within a much improved facility. However they will not permit overuse of the site, or use that would disturb neighbours.

In addition to the normal school day, the school and parish will offer a large range of activities throughout the year for pupils, parents, parishioners and the wider local community, including:-

- Community worship
- Funerals
- Weddings
- Christenings
- Other faith related activities
- English Language School
- Mother & Toddler Group
- Parish meetings and social events
- Polling Station
- Residents Association AGM
- Local Councillor ward forums and surgeries
- Other community social events
- Breakfast clubs for local children
- After school clubs for local children
- Single court internal sports facility

The new school will provide internal sports facilities, meeting rooms and ICT suite for school and parish controlled community use.

Introducing our pupils and staff

Pupil & Staff numbers:

	On completion of expansion September 2018
Number of pupils on role	446 full time equivalent
Number of SEN pupils	Unknown
SEN pupils entitled to transport	Unknown
Number of full time staff	32
Number of part time staff	10

Age range of Pupils: 3-11

Other Information about the pupils who will attend our school:

The new school will be a Catholic school with 446 full time equivalent pupils on roll.

Although at present the exact admissions criteria for pupils has not been established, a draft criteria has been prepared in order to give an indication of the probable locations pupils will be travelling from (Please see draft admission criteria appended).

Using this criteria, together with the data provided by LB Ealing (please refer to information on births within the borough from 2006-07 & 2007-08, Catholic pupil map relating the borough and Hunt Dobson Stringer Report on Ealing Primary School Roll Forecasts appended to the Planning Statement), we have determined the probable approximate home locations of pupils attending the school.

Please refer to drawing 4462/109 'Probable home Location of Pupils for Transport Assessment Purposes' which indicates the boundaries of Acton West, Perivale and Acton East Parishes, along with the LB Ealing boundary line and indicates approximate percentage within each distance range from the school.

The majority of children (88.9%) will live within 1.5 miles of the school.

The vast majority of pupils admitted should be very local and live close enough to easily walk to school.

A travel pack of information will be provided to all parents / guardians during the enrolment process. The information pack will contain advice on walking, cycling routes and public transport facilities in the area, and will discourage the use of cars to and from the school providing details of the restrictions of using the car, restricted car parking, safety to others and consequences of pollution and congestion etc.

School policies and practice to promote safe, healthy and sustainable transport

What policies and activities are proposed?

The school is committed to developing the following:

- Healthy Lifestyles/Healthy Environment
- Citizenship For The Future
- Fair Trade Status

Through this we intend to develop children who are independent, confident and committed to an understanding of their role and responsibility in and toward society, both locally and the wider world.

The school will promote Walk on Wednesday (WOW) and will regularly take part in Walk to School Week. Assemblies will be used to promote the Walk To School Week, encourage children to keep diaries of their walking to and from school, staff keep a register of those who are walking and certificates and stickers will be given out at the end of the week. The week will be promoted in advance through newsletters and reminders sent to parents. Monthly badges will be allocated for those engaged in the Walk to School initiative.

Children in Year 5 will receive cycle training at a point in the school year to encourage safe cycling habits. Road safety will be taught through the PSCHE curriculum.

Almost all pupils at the school will live within 1.5 miles of the school, and the vast majority within 1 mile or less of the school.

There are good transport links for staff from West Acton, North Ealing and Park Royal tube Stations; these links will be made known to new staff along with information on bus routes near the school.

Environmental education will be taught through the science curriculum but also the school will be committed to recycling with pupil involvement through recycling of paper/card etc and ink cartridges.

A School Travel Plan Working Group will be established and encouraged to meet twice a term to review the plan, discuss progress and agree future targets.

Summary of Our Objectives & Targets:

1. OBJECTIVE:- Establish sustainable behaviour as a core principle of the new school.

TARGET:- Ensure that staff and every pupil (and their parents) understand the negative implications on the environment of car use and the benefits of sustainable travel.

2. OBJECTIVE:- Maximise safety for children who walk or cycle to school and thereby encourage more pupils and staff to walk or cycle.

TARGET:- 70% of pupils either walking or cycling to the new school

3. OBJECTIVE:- To actively promote the health and social benefits of walking or cycling to school

TARGET:- 70% of pupils either walking or cycling to the new school

4. OBJECTIVE:- Where walking or cycling to school is not suitable, to encourage the use of public transport for at least part of the journey

TARGET:- 50% of the pupils not walking or cycling the whole way to the new school undertake some of their journey by public transport

5. OBJECTIVE:- Minimise the impact of the new school on local residents and the local road network

TARGET:- That 70% of pupils either walk or cycle to the new school. That journeys that are made to and from the school by car are staggered in order to minimise peak time congestion.

6. OBJECTIVE:- Minimise congestion outside the school

TARGET:- That 70% of pupils either walk or cycle to the new school. That 50% of the pupils not walking or cycling the whole way to the new school undertake some of their journey by public transport. That all staff and pupils who have to arrive by car, consider car sharing and implement this wherever possible. That journeys that are made to and from the school by car are staggered in order to minimise peak time congestion.

7. OBJECTIVE:- Encourage car sharing where the use of cars unavoidable

TARGET:- That all staff and pupils who have to arrive by car, consider car sharing and implement this wherever possible.

8. OBJECTIVE:- Encourage responsible parking where the use of cars unavoidable

TARGET:- That no complaints are received from local residents in respect of inconsiderate parking by school staff or parents.

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<p>OBJECTIVE:- Encourage car sharing where the use of cars unavoidable</p> <p>TARGET:- That all staff and pupils who have to arrive by car, consider car sharing and implement this wherever possible.</p>	<p>Implement a staff car-sharing club to enable staff to share if journeys these are suitable. Ensure that new staff are informed of possible car sharing partners.</p> <p>Encourage overall concept of car sharing amongst parents via newsletter etc.</p>	<p>Headteacher</p> <p>Headteacher</p>	<p>Prepare for action from September 2012 onwards</p> <p>Prepare for action from September 2012 onwards</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p>
<p>OBJECTIVE:- Encourage responsible parking where the use of cars unavoidable</p> <p>TARGET:- That no complaints are received from local residents in respect of inconsiderate parking by school staff or parents.</p>	<p>Ensure that all parents and staff are aware of responsible parking procedures, neighbourliness and parking restrictions around the site via travel packs and regular newsletters.</p> <p>If problems occur enlist help of PCSO's and LB Ealing traffic wardens.</p>	<p>Headteacher</p> <p>Headteacher</p>	<p>Prepare for action from September 2012 onwards</p> <p>Prepare for action from September 2012 onwards</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p>

Monitoring & Reviewing Our Plan

Progress will be reviewed annually from September 2012 with LB Ealing School Travel Plan Advisor, at which point this draft plan will be reviewed, revised as necessary and formally adopted.

The person(s) responsible for ensuring the annual review will be done will be the Head Teacher.

When reviewing our School travel Plan any issues arising from new developments in education and transport since the original STP was completed will be taken into consideration.

Sign off and formal approval

School signatures

The following signatures confirm the school management have read and approve the contents of this document. By signing this document the school is committing itself to make every effort to resolve the problems identified within the enclosed document and implement the actions identified. The school further acknowledge that they have committed to achieving all targets highlighted in their action plan and to the annual review and monitoring of the plan.

Headteacher

Chair of Governors

School Council Representative

Parent Governor

Council signatures

The following signatures confirm that the document has been Quality and Assessment checked by representatives from the relevant Education and Transportation departments at the Council

School Travel Plan Advisor

Date / /

Assistant Director
(Educational/Children's Services)

Assistant Director
(Transportation)