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Response to Highway Officer Comments

Further to your request, we provide the following clarification.

Childcare Places

The nursery will operate with a maximum capacity of 93 childcare places. However, these children will not all be present on site at the same time, as attendance will be staggered between morning and afternoon sessions.

The maximum number of staff expected to be on site at any one time is 15, with staffing levels maintained in accordance with statutory childcare ratios. Staff will generally arrive before and depart after the main parent drop-off and pick-up periods, ensuring that staff travel movements do not coincide with peak arrival times.

Parking and Access

The site will retain its existing vehicular access and 6 on-site parking spaces, as referenced within the Planning Statement. These existing spaces are located at the front of the building, and no changes to the current access arrangements or parking layout are proposed.

Based on travel patterns observed at the operator's other nursery sites, and given the sustainable and accessible location of the building, it is anticipated that approximately 50% of staff will travel to work by walking, cycling or public transport, with around one third of parents expected to walk to the nursery.

Nursery attendance differs from uses such as places of worship where users typically arrive at a single fixed time. Parents are allocated flexible arrival and collection windows, which spreads movements across extended periods. In this case, arrivals and departures will typically occur across 07:30–09:30 and 15:30–18:00, with midday transitions for half-day sessions occurring between approximately 12:30 and 13:30.

Allowing for short dwell times of approximately 5–10 minutes for drop-off and pick-up, vehicle movements will occur on a rolling basis rather than simultaneously. In addition:

- Staff vehicles will generally already be parked prior to peak drop-off periods;
- Vehicle turnover will be continuous throughout arrival windows; and

- The number of vehicles on site at any given time is expected to remain within the available 6 parking spaces.

During peak periods, staff will be present externally to supervise arrivals and departures, ensuring efficient vehicle turnover and preventing obstruction.

On this basis, the existing parking provision and access arrangements are considered sufficient to accommodate the proposed nursery use without giving rise to unacceptable impacts on highway safety or on-street parking conditions.

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