

ALLIED PROPERTIES
FALLOWS WAY, PRESCOT, L35 1RZ

TRANSPORT STATEMENT



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INTRODUCTION

This report has been prepared by Edward Architecture on behalf of the applicant, Allied Properties Limited, to support a Full Planning Application for the erection of 13no. industrial units on vacant land off Fallows Way, Whiston, Prescot, L35 1RZ.

Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council (KMBC) is the Local Highway Authority (LHA) and Local Planning Authority (LPA) for the area.

This document has been prepared in accordance with the UK Government's 'Planning Practice Guidance: Transport Evidence Bases in Plan Making' (March 2015) and 'Travel Plans, Transport Assessments and Statements in Decision-Taking' (March 2014). It considers the accessibility of the site and safety for all modes of travel but specifically alternatives to the private car such as walking, cycling and public transport.

TRANSPORT POLICY AND GUIDANCE

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) was first published on 27 March 2012 and updated July 2018, February 2019 with the last update on 20 July 2021 and sets out the Government's planning policies for England and how these are to be applied.

Section 9 of the NPPF, Promoting Sustainable Transport details measures to be taken into consideration when looking at development proposals which include opportunities to promote walking, cycling and public transport.

The Merseyside Local Transport Plan & Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Transport Plan provides strategies and delivery programmes of transport investment and service improvements to the local transport network.

Ensuring a Choice of Travel Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) was adopted by KMBC in September 2010 with its main objective to ensure a good choice of travel modes to all new developments.

EXISTING SITE

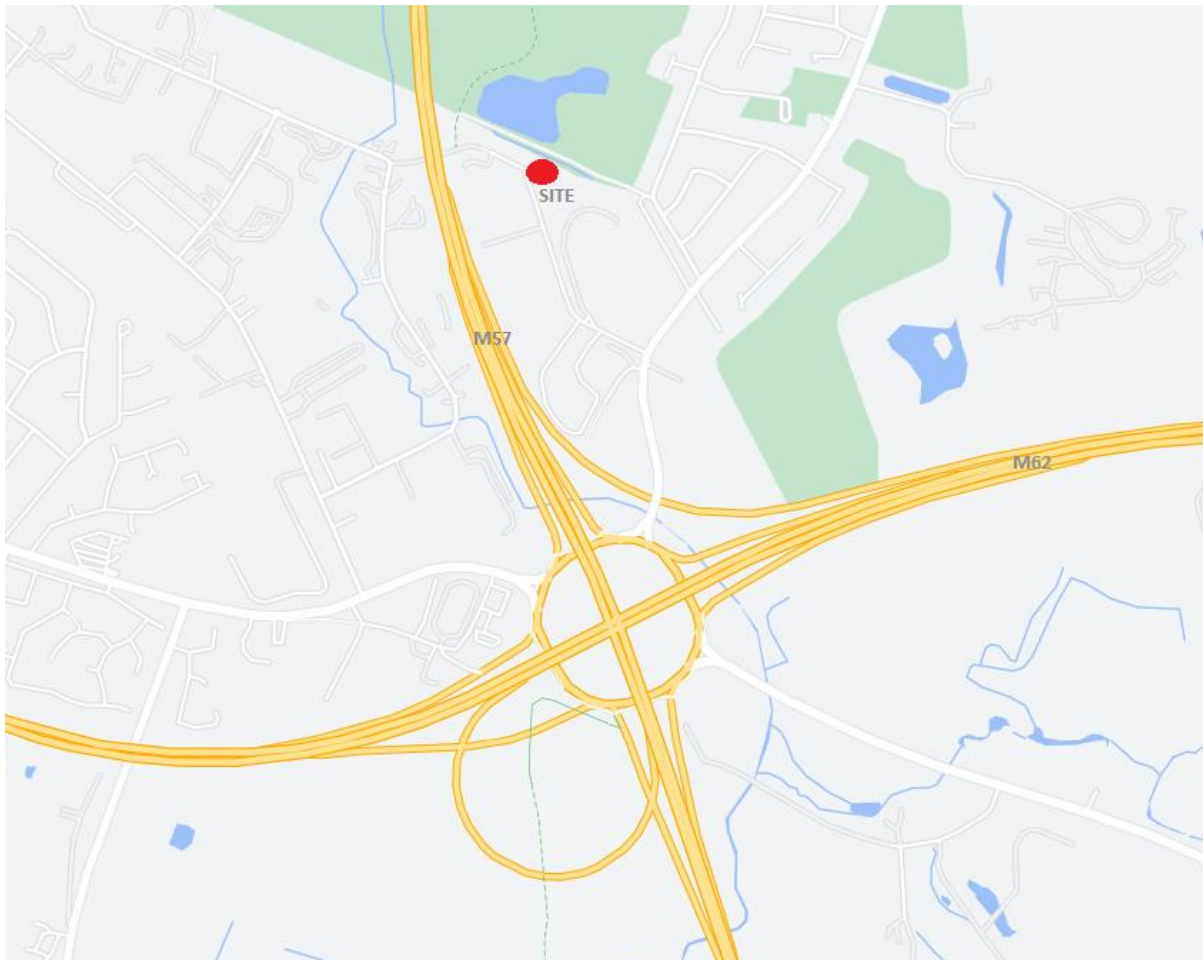
The application site is located within Whiston approximately 1.8km east of Huyton and 2km south of Prescot.

The site is situated on Fallows Way which is an established industrial road, albeit lightly trafficked, with a 7.3m carriageway. A footway is present along the frontage of the site, and for the most part, there are footways on both sides of Fallows Way.

The site is currently vacant with a single point of access from Fallows Way which is located towards the south of the land.

Adjacent the site is the Stadt Moers Park which contains links for pedestrians and cyclists including a route designated as part of the National Cycle Network.

Site Location





The site is located on Fallows Way, this being a quiet industrial road with circa 2m wide footways on both sides along the majority of its length. The carriageway measures approximately 7.3m and street lighting is provided along the full length.

Windy Arbour Road, from which Fallows Way is accessed, is a two-way single carriageway which acts a local distributor road connecting Tarbock Island junction to the south with Dragon Lane and the A57 Warrington Road beyond that to the north. Tarbock Island provides access to the M62, M57, A5300 Knowsley Expressway, A5080 Crontron Road in two directions towards Huyton and to Crontron. Windy Arbour Road provides direct frontage access to existing residential dwellings and local shops/amenities within Whiston, in addition to providing access to additional residential streets via priority junctions on both sides of the carriageway.

Windy Arbour Road is subject to a 30mph speed limit. The carriageway varies in width along its full extent, measuring between 6.7m to 7.3m. The footway measuring between 1.5 - 1.7m wide in the vicinity of Fallows Way.

Windy Arbour Road has street lighting, footways on both sides of the carriageway and a bus stop serving both directions in close proximity to the site.

A review of the Crashmap website (www.crashmap.co.uk) has been undertaken to ascertain the number of recorded incidents affecting the local highway network for the recent five year period (2017-2021) with no incidents recorded on Fallows Way, 5 along Windy Arbor Road and 4 on Tarbock Roundabout.

Out of the 9 incidents recorded 8 were classed as slight with 1 classed as serious.

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

The proposals include the erection of 13no. industrial units.

Units 1-12 vary in footprint size from 87.5m² up to 232m² with a possible base for mezzanine floors

Unit 13 has a 3,075m² footprint which includes 370 m² office accommodation at ground & first floor levels.

A total number of 37 parking spaces will be provided for Units 1-12 with a further 40 being provided for Unit 13.

A number of these spaces will be designated as disabled parking bays along with spaces for electric vehicle charging points.

The site access arrangements show a total of two junctions onto Fallows Way with a new junction being formed towards the south of the site with an existing junction being reinstated towards the northwest of Fallows Way.

Footways measuring approximately 2m are present to both sides of Fallows Way that provide pedestrian and cycling links through Stadt Moers Park and to Ellis Ashton Street under the M57 which provides a convenient link between the site and Huyton.

The internal arrangement of the site has been designed to provide parking spaces directly in front of the individual units.

The site access road runs along the north of the site and has been designed to accommodate articulated trucks up to 16.5m in length.

Cycle parking will be provided within Units 1-12 with a secure cycle shelter being provided for Unit 13.

ACCESS BY SUSTAINABLE MODES

The site is located to the southwest of Whiston with local shops in close proximity along Windy Arbor Road.

The site is also located close to a number of residential areas to the East, West & North which have easy access to footpath links which lead direct to the site ensuring that walking can be considered as a realistic method of travel from the local residential areas and to local services.

There are a number of dedicated cycle routes around the site with the closest being the Knowsley Cycle Network linking Huyton to the west, Whiston & Prescot to the North.

With an extended residential catchment area up to 3 miles from the scheme, cycling can be considered as an acceptable method of transport to the site.

Public transport links are provided by bus stops to either side of Windy Arbor Road directly at the end of the junction with Fallows Way with a timetable of services being available from <https://www.merseytravel.gov.uk/timetables/#bus>.

The 61 bus route from Liverpool to Widnes can be accessed from these 2 stops with up to 4 buses passing the site per hour in each direction.

The Whiston Railway Station is located just over a mile away (20 minute walk) from the scheme with direct services to Liverpool Lime Street and Manchester Victoria stations allowing easy access to the National Rail Network.

With this in mind the local bus services and train services can be considered as a realistic travel option for workers at the proposed development.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

This document has been prepared in accordance with Planning Guidance and that it considers the accessibility of the site and safety for all modes of travel from private car to more sustainable modes such as walking, cycling and public transport.

A review of the accident data with the last 5 year period shows that the majority of incidents were classified as slight in severity with only one classified as serious.

The serious incident took place in 2018 with the recent slight incident taking place on 27/05/2021.

It is concluded that there are no deficiencies in the existing highway network within the vicinity of the site, that would be exacerbated by the development proposals.

The assessment shows the sites suitability for sustainable modes of transport and concludes that it realistic for journeys to the site to be carried out on foot, by cycle and by public transport and that local amenities are within walking distance for workers to visit.