

Addendum to Transport Statement: Pupil Drop-Off, Pick-Up and Safety Measures for Meadows School

This addendum has been prepared to address concerns raised regarding the suitability of the proposed site for school use, particularly around road safety, pupil vulnerability, and contextual fit within an industrial estate.

1. Pupil Travel Arrangements

All pupils attending Meadows School will arrive via private transport, including cars, taxis, and dedicated minibuses. There will be no independent travel by pupils, as all are either Children Looked After or children with Special Educational Needs (SEN) who require high levels of care and supervision. This has been confirmed in liaison with Meadows Care, who will manage the daily transportation logistics.

Every pupil will be escorted to and from the site by designated care staff or Local Authority taxi service, ensuring constant supervision from the point of leaving their residence to their entry into the school premises. No pupils will travel alone, use public transport, or walk or cycle to the site under any circumstances.

2. Supervised Entry and Exit Procedures

During both morning drop-off and afternoon collection, the school will implement the following site-based operational safety procedures:

- Education support staff will be stationed at arrival points, clearly identifiable in high-visibility (hi-vis) clothing, to guide and assist pupils as they alight from vehicles and make their way into the building.
- All students will be met at their vehicles by school staff and escorted directly into the school building, removing any unsupervised movement across the site.
- All drop-offs and pick-ups will occur entirely within the designated site boundary, within a dedicated drop-off area that is set back from the main road and away from HGV traffic routes.
- Access to the school will be strictly controlled during these times, with no pedestrian or vehicle movements allowed outside of the designated managed system.

3. Traffic and Road Safety Mitigation

Although the wider estate area includes industrial uses and HGV activity, this particular site lies at a point that has been designed to accommodate safe access for multiple vehicle types. To mitigate road safety concerns:

- The drop-off/pick-up zone is set well within the site and not directly adjacent to the estate's primary access point, reducing exposure to HGV traffic.
- Traffic calming signage and internal traffic management procedures will be introduced at the site entrance to warn of vulnerable road users and enforce low speeds.

- There will be no need for pupils to cross any roads or interact with general estate traffic, as all movement from vehicle to school is supervised and contained within the site.

4. Operational Oversight

Meadows School will work in partnership with Meadows Care and transport providers to implement a rigorously coordinated transport plan, reviewed regularly by the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead and operational team.

Additionally, all arrangements will be shared with parents, carers, and staff, and rehearsed through staggered transition periods ahead of full operation.

This addendum demonstrates a clear commitment to student safety, controlled access, and supervised movement, fully aligned with the specific requirements of a specialist SEN provision. It is our view that, with these robust mitigations in place, the location can safely accommodate the proposed educational use.