



CREATIVE EXPLORERS DAY NURSERY

Cycle Parking Plan – Condition 39

Altitude Unit 2, Hampden Road, London N8 0HT

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INTRODUCTION

Creative Explorers is a local Haringey Nursery & Preschool, employing 36 staff, and has experienced year on year revenue growth over its 9 year history.

In 2014, Creative Explorers opened its first site on Gisburn Road, serving children from birth to 5 years. Soon after, in 2017, it expanded to include a Preschool site on Tottenham Lane (5 min walk between sites). This expanded its offering to over 3-year-olds with the original site redeveloped to focus on the Baby and Toddler age group (0-3yrs).

With a major investment in high-density residential developments in the Hornsey area, Creative Explorers has seen a significant increase in demand for nursery places and more recently, has been forced to **refuse applications** across all age groups due to limited spaces. A waiting list has therefore been in place to support those families as and when spaces become available. Our standing within the local community is strong, having served over 500 Haringey families already over our 9-year presence.

This proposal is to secure a commercial lease at Altitude Unit 2, Hampden Road, London, N8 0HT. The 1,600 sq foot space would accommodate approximately 30 children from ages Birth to 5 years, and is within walking distance from the two current sites.

We are committed to developing our sites in becoming more sustainable by encouraging the use of public transport, walking or cycling to nursery. We promote recycling within our curriculum and invite families to join in our recycling efforts and partake in regular litter-picking excursions.

All three sites are within walking distance from Hornsey overground station with quick and efficient links into the city and beyond.

This Cycle Parking Plan has been prepared to demonstrate the nursery's commitment to promoting sustainable travel within the Early Years.

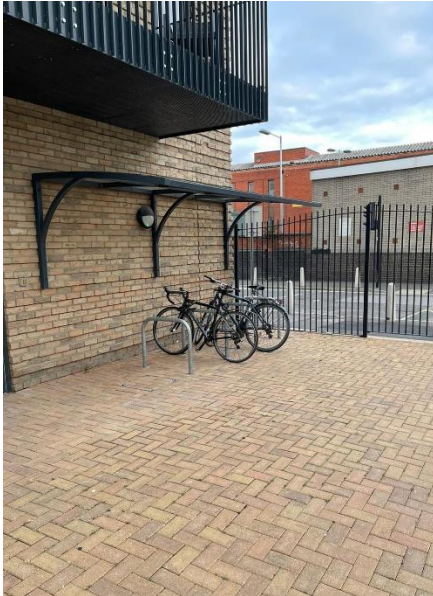
CONTEXT AND OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

Our operating hours are Monday-Friday 7.30-6.00pm. We are closed on the weekends and all bank holidays. From a travel perspective, all children are expected to arrive at nursery between 7.30-9.00am and we do not accept any attendees after 9am. All children are to be collected between 4.30-6.00pm. It is important to note that we do not accept earlier collection due to disturbances in the children's daily routine and any late collections incur a fee.

This proposal to establish an additional childcare setting within the area is due to the heavy demand for places seen in the local area. The development of more affordable housing has meant that many residents are first time buyers with young families and are seeking quality childcare in the immediate vicinity of their home.

The significant majority of our families live within walking distance of our settings and therefore pick-ups and drop-offs are done primarily on foot. We further encourage our children, parents and staff to walk, scooter or cycle to the settings as a key foundation of remaining fit, healthy and active. As part of our curriculum, we also discuss with the children the importance of active learning with many outdoor trips to local attractions organised to help develop the children's road safety skills.

As part of our healthy and active learning and teaching we encourage families to travel to nursery by sustainable modes of transport. The site currently holds 6 bike stands within the carpark, with each stand holding two bikes. Therefore, there is storage sufficiency for up to 12 bicycles at a time for employees and parents to use.



Due to parking restrictions on surrounding residential streets, all employees are advised not to drive to work. Thus for our recruitment process, the applicant's location is an important factor and we request that information is provided beforehand as to how they plan to travel into work on a daily basis. In addition to this, wherever possible we endeavour to recruit people that reside in the local area. Due to our early opening hours this ensures the smooth functioning of the business with minimal travel delays and late arrivals from employees.

We encourage staff to walk, cycle or scoot to work and offer the Bike2Work scheme for all eligible employees. Storage facilities for staff bikes are available on site, with a dedicated staff room and lockers to store a change of clothes should they need to.

Plan of the development

The below plan shows the site access arrangements at the proposed site, Hampden Road. It further shows the location of the 6 cycle stands (circled in red).



Posters and information on appropriate water-resistant clothing and footwear for adults and children to be used during bad weather will help parents and employees to better prepare for travelling in bad weather. Also, education on activities families can share with children on route to nursery, such as puddle jumping, discussions on weather, sewer drainage etc. will help promote active commuting to nursery.

PACKAGE OF MEASURES

The Cycle Parking Plan aims to reduce and maintain low levels of traffic for the following three user groups:

- Children/parents
- Employees
- Visitors

Promotion of the Cycle Parking Plan

The indicatives in the Cycle Parking Plan are promoted by:

- Posters are displayed around the nursery and in staff notice/information board type areas, showing the contents of the Cycle Parking Plan.
- A copy of the Cycle Parking Plan will be placed on the nursery website
- Information available on cycle parking facilities and cycle routes available.
- Children are made aware of the benefits of walking, cycling or scooting to Nursery.
- Provision of induction pack for new employees, with package of incentives for sustainable travel.
- Holding promotional events, such as 'Cycle to nursery Week'
- Publicise cycling successes through our Family app, which we use to communicate with families.

- The Contact details of our Cycle Parking coordinator are available should any enquiries arise.

Introduction of a Parent Forum

Engaging families to share commutes to nursery encourage children to build relationships, therefore 'buddying up' families that live close to one another will encourage daily habits that involve active commutes and improved sustainable travel options.

Under the Cycle Parking Plan, specific travel events are promoted around the nursery such as the Little Feet walking campaign <https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/walk-to-school/little-feet> and National Bike Week <https://www.cyclinguk.org/bikeweek>. Employees and families will be encouraged to get involved and be active.

Increase walking, cycling and use of public transport

Introduction of employee incentive schemes allow employees to consider more tax-effective modes of transport when commuting into work, e.g. Cycle2Work scheme and TfL/Santander cycle hire

Detailed up to date access to cycle routes and journey planners with the option to take out season ticket loans will be available to employees.

SUMMARY

The Cycle Parking Plan aims to reduce the car-based impact on the local road network. In addition to this, the plan sets out measures that the company can take to ensure children and employees maintain an active lifestyle and that it gives thought to the impact their travel choices have on the environment and our health.