

Chorleywood & Loudwater Children's Centre Travel Plan



INTRODUCTION

This travel plan has been produced to endorse the Pre-school Learning Alliance's commitment to promote environmental issues as a fundamental element of its activities and to demonstrate its resolution to continual improvement in environmental practices.

The Pre-school Learning Alliance is the lead agency for overall management of Chorleywood & Loudwater Children's Centre. The Children's Centre is dedicated to promoting sustainable travel choices and reducing reliance on cars; promoting the health and well-being of families; and working with the wider community.

This Travel Plan has been developed in accordance with the Pre-school Learning Alliance Environmental policy which recognises that Chorleywood & Loudwater Children's Centre can contribute towards the conservation and protection of the environment.

POLICY STATEMENT

Pre-school Learning Alliance recognises that it can contribute towards the conservation and protection of the environment. It has resolved to improve its environmental practices and to promote awareness of environmental responsibilities among all staff, children and families. This is to be achieved through the following policy aims and objectives.

AIM

To improve Children's Centre members and staff awareness of and understanding of environmental issues.

OBJECTIVES.

- To encourage car sharing.
- To encourage cycling and walking
- To promote the use of public transport.

Audience

- Families within the reach area of the Chorleywood and Loudwater Children's Centre.
- Children's Centre Advisory Board and Partner agencies.
- Hertfordshire Pre-school Learning Alliance Executive Committee.

OVERVIEW

The Children's Centre area is located within the Three Rivers District. The area is defined as a Phase 3 Children's Centre. The Children's Centre area includes Chorleywood, Loudwater and a small area of Rickmansworth and Mill End.



The area has nine Lower Super Output Areas, LSOA, of which six were ranked within the least 10% in the county.

Lower super output areas (LSOAs) identification.

Area number	Landmark
EO1023812	Loudwater
EO1023813	Ladyswood & part Loudwater
EO1023814	Chorleywood House. (Parish Council Offices)
EO1023815	The Swillett & Chorleywood Primary School
EO1023816	Children's Centre Shopping Centre. Chorleywood Library
EO1023817	Christchurch Primary School
EO1023818	The Russell School
EO1023835	Heronsgate and Mill End.
EO1023851	Royal Masonic School & Rickmansworth Station

Landscape.

The area of Chorleywood has steep inclines and dips on all sides to a central point, The Village. Here the community has access to shops, the station and public services such as Health and Library. Four churches, three schools, an out of schools club and four community halls serve this area. Loudwater is an affluent residential area with one private venue, Loudwater Farm. The Rickmansworth part of the area drops down below the M25 to Rickmansworth station and offers in the main shops, offices and apartment residential accommodation. The Heronsgate part of the Children's Centre area is an affluent residential area accessed by single track lanes. A small community building with very limited parking and turning space, houses a sessional pre-school. To the south of the M25, a small cluster of roads at Mill End makes up the final part of the Children's Centre area. This area's community building is the Mill End Social Club. The Mill End area would appear to be the most remote to the Children's Centre 3R6. Families from this area are accessing The Rickmansworth Children's Centre, (Phase 2) which is a five minute walk for families.

Location of Chorleywood within surrounding area.



Chorleywood Area Map Links

- [Multimap](#)
- [Google Maps](#)
- [Streetmap](#)

TRAVEL TO CHORLEYWOOD.

Journey Planner

The following Direct.gov link allows families to plan their journey to their selected Children's Centre by entering their postcode.

- <http://directgov.transportdirect.info/Web2/JourneyPlanning/JourneyPlannerInput.aspx>

By Road

Chorleywood is situated at Exit 18 of the M25 on the A404. Travelling clockwise on the M25, access is gained to the M1 (for Luton Airport) at Exit 21, the A1 (M) at Exit 23 and the M11 (for Stansted Airport) at Exit 27. Anti-clockwise, the M40 is reached at Exit 16, the M4 (for Heathrow) at Exit 15 and the M23 (for Gatwick) at Exit 7. In an easterly direction, the A404 leads towards Rickmansworth, Watford, Pinner, Harrow and London, and in a westerly direction towards Little Chalfont, Amersham, Great and Little Missenden, Wendover and Aylesbury.



By Rail



The area is served by two train services Chiltern Railways, London Underground. The lines run between Baker Street and Amersham, and Chiltern Railways between Marylebone and Aylesbury. Journey time to or from London is approximately 30 minutes by fast train. Metropolitan Line trains continue past Baker Street direct to Aldgate.

By Bus.

The area is served by three bus services, Z&S international R4, Carousel 320 & 336. Loudwater has no public transport. Mill End would have to make 2 changes to reach Chorleywood & Loudwater Children's Centre.



- Arriva bus - no 320 www.arrivabus.co.uk
- Interlink bus – R4 www.interlink.org.uk
- Arriva Bus – no 320 and Carousel bus no 336
www.arrivabus.co.uk www.carouselbuses.com
- Arriva bus no 320 and Metropolitan underground
www.arrivabus.co.uk www.tfl.gov.uk

Car parking at Children's Centre

Free public car park within a 2 minutes walk for a period of 4 hours. Disabled parking bay within grounds of library. Limited street parking for a period of 2hours



Car Parking Facilities

Station and Ferry Car Park

Charges and time limits may apply.

The upper level of the Ferry Car Park is designated for business use and the lower level general use.



By foot and bicycle



It is noted that the area of Chorleywood has steep inclines which maybe a deterrent to using bicycles and walking as a mode of transport with children.

Bicycle parking is available at the centre for up to 6 bikes.

Various public footpaths cross section the area connecting residential homes, schools, public transport and shops. Details available at

<http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/envplan/countryside/walkingandriding/row>

Survey /Consultation

The methodology used comprised surveys for users and staff. The survey was undertaken between 12th July and 31st August 2011 relating to mode of transport to and from the centre, the main reasons for not walking and cycling and any places on the journey that make it difficult to walk or cycle. Surveys were given to every family coming to Children's Centre services between this period. Opportunity was made for staff to discuss the survey with families for verbal feedback to ensure family needs met. Display with survey forms was made available at the local public library. Registered families were emailed and asked to complete the survey online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Q2VG9B2> . The consultation link was published on the Children's Centre website between this period.

Survey Results

In total 73 families responded to the survey via completing the online survey form, a hardcopy or by verbal discussion with Children's Centre staff.

Transport use recorded:

Mode:	Number	Survey percentage
Walk	19	26%
Car	51	70%
Cycle	0	0%
Taxi	0	0%
Public Transport	3	4%
Total	73	100%

Reasons given for places not conducive to walking and cycling;

- Road too narrow and cars travel fast.
- Hills too steep.
- No pavements.

Staff.

The Children's Centre employs 4 members of staff of which all use their car to travel to work.

Different hours of work and location of home residency restricted car sharing to work base.

Conclusion

Most families make use of their car to travel to Children's Centre services. This may be a result of the narrow roads, no pavements and steep hills within the area.

Action Plan

Objective	Action	Time frame	Measure
To encourage car sharing.	Families to be asked for permission to share contact details of families living within their near home vicinity with a view to car share when attending same service. Staff to car share on appropriate occasions. e.g to training venues.	Within 'booked' services from November 2011. Add to registration from by January 2012. Immediately and ongoing.	Number of families report car sharing taking place. Number of times staff car share.
To encourage cycling and walking	Cycle park to be advertised within Children's centre Information. Details of Bicycle proficiency courses to made available to families. http://www.hertslink.org/cms/ Further promote Children's Centre Healthy Walking service. Publish / signpost to walks and footpaths in area. http://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/	As material is updated. All in place by March 2012. From next service timetable and as above.	Increase of cycle park use by families. Increase of number of families attending Healthy walk service.
To promote the use of public transport.	Journey planner to be added to Children's centre information including service timetable and website.	As material is updated. All in place by March 2012.	2012 survey shows take up use of public transport.

Promotion

Promotion of the travel plan will be displayed on Notice Boards, flyers, newsletters and online resources.

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