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Travel Plan Statement

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Residential development on land to the south of Pungies Lane

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Introduction

This Travel Plan Statement has been provided in relation to a proposal for 10 No. residential dwellings on land to the south of Pungies Lane, St Mary's, Isles of Scilly. The proposed development is located within a residential area with existing development to the north, south and west.

The image below demonstrates the site location:



Site location

This Travel Plan Statement has been prepared with reference to the Isles of Scilly Local Plan 2015 - 2030.

What is a Travel Plan Statement?

A Travel Plan Statement is a simple form of travel plan for smaller developments which focusses on sustainable modes and can be used where a full travel plan is not required. It should set out the existing conditions within and near to a development and promote sustainable travel.

Department for Transport guidance Good Practice Guidelines: Delivering Travel Plans through the Planning Process, Department for Transport (DfT, April 2009), identifies the role travel plans have in securing the provision of sustainable travel choices both to new developments and extensions to existing sites, whatever their use.

“Travel plans can be a key tool in achieving national, regional and local objectives to manage the demand for movement and improve accessibility for everyone”.

The Travel Plan Statement should help minimise the amount of car travel to and from the area. This will bring benefits to those living in the area as well as the wider local community and environment.

Existing Transport Conditions

This section provides a review of the existing local highway network and the existing access arrangements for all modes of travel.

Site Location and Description

The development proposal is located on land to the south of Pungies Lane, St Mary's, Isles of Scilly. It is bounded on its southern and western sides by residential development with the proposed vehicular access served from Pungies Lane.

Pungies Lane is not one of the main primary roads running through St Mary's, it is more a secondary route providing a connection to residential areas from the primary road network. Whilst subject to the National Speed Limit, the actual speed of traffic is significantly lower which makes it accessible to all modes of travel.

Pedestrian and Cycle Access

Manual for Streets (MfS) states that "walking offers the greatest potential to replace short car trips, particularly those under 2km." It is also widely considered that cycling has the potential to substitute for short car trips, particularly those under 5km.

Hugh Town is the most likely destination with all the services and facilities on offer, including employment, eating establishments, and shops.

Hugh Town is located comfortably within 2km from the development proposal. It can be accessed using less trafficked roads and paths without needing to utilise the primary road network, and is therefore within acceptable walking distance. In addition, for recreational purposes there is a golf club, walks and beaches all within easy walking and cycling distance located even closer to the development proposal.

In terms of cycling, the whole of St Mary's would be within acceptable cycle distance using the local highway network.

Public Transport Access

A community bus service runs every day from the third Sunday in May until the first Sunday in September. The community bus offers a regular scheduled service around St. Marys. The nearest bus stop in relation to the development site is at McFarlands Down.

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This bus stop is very well served by the community bus operator with regular bus services around St Mary's. These bus services operate throughout the day and would support resident journeys as demonstrated in Table 1 below:

Service/Operator	Route	Frequency		
		Mon - Fri	Sat	Sun
Community Bus	Circular Route around St Mary's	7 services (09:24 - 17:34)	5 services (09:24 – 17:34)	5 services (09:24 – 17:34)

Table 1 – Bus timetable information

Car Share Access

There is an existing community car share scheme operating on St Mary's which offers electric vehicles for hire to residents and local businesses. Following a simple registration process, a vehicle can be booked for the date, time and location required. There are several locations from where a vehicle can be picked up, the nearest currently being approximately 50m from the development site.

Objectives

The objectives of the Travel Plan Statement are to minimise the number of single occupancy car trips associated with residents travelling to and from their home. The detailed objectives are as follows:

- Achieve a high level of sustainable travel awareness for residents;
- Maximise accessibility by sustainable modes of travel by facilitating walking, cycling and public transport trips and reduce single occupancy car use.

The table below provides the list of objectives and how they will be achieved by the development.

Objectives	Development
Achieve High Awareness	This Travel Plan Statement will be provided to residents, giving details on the sustainable travel options available
Maximise travel by sustainable modes and reduce single occupancy car use	<p>Promote walking, cycling and public transport to residents;</p> <p>Provide cycle parking in shared cycle store. Each dwelling will be provided with a base to allow for a shed where a bicycle could be safely stored;</p> <p>Encourage resident car sharing wherever possible by providing a new location within the development for the community car share scheme;</p> <p>Provide electric vehicle charging points within the development;</p> <p>Provides details of sustainable travel information (as detailed in this Travel Plan Statement);</p> <p>Inform residents of the public transport alternatives available.</p>

Table 2 - Objectives