

6. Proposals - Highways, Parking and Landscaping

A Transport Statement has been prepared to assess the impact of the proposals on the local transport network. In addition, a Travel Plan and Car Park & Servicing Management Plan have been prepared to promote sustainable transport and ensure the development does not impact on the local highway and transport network.

Parking



The proposed development will provide 30 on-site parking spaces, of which six will be wheelchair accessible and one will accommodate a mini-bus. The number of parking spaces has been based on a survey of the existing care home and similar extra care apartment sites.

Most of the parking spaces will be staff or visitor parking and all parking associated with the development would be accommodated on site.

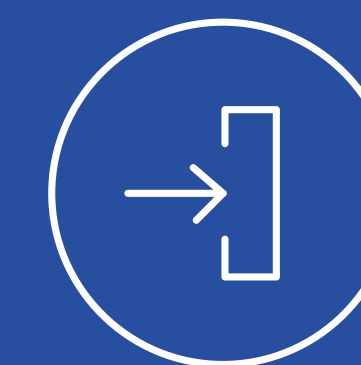
The proposed development will also provide sufficient cycle parking for staff and visitors, and mobility scooter spaces with charging points will be provided.

Servicing



The new access has been designed to allow service vehicles up to the size of a 10.5m refuse collection vehicle to enter the site and safely turn around within the site.

Access



The entrance at the crossroads of Hurst Road / Church Road / Graburn Way will be closed, to allow the historic site access on Hurst Road to be re-opened. This will mean improved visibility and access, and it has been designed based on the Department for Transport standards. The existing site vehicle access at the western end of the site will be upgraded and used as an emergency access.

Landscaping



These images show the landscaping plan and principles that have been used during the design of the proposal. All major trees will be retained, and the large cedar tree in the rear garden will be celebrated and become the focal point of the new RCH garden. The entire frontage will be comprehensively landscaped, which will include a row of new, elegant, mature trees along Hurst Road. This will provide a more attractive entrance to the site and echo the beautiful Hurst Park scenery across the road.

