



## 21/505461/PSINF – PROPOSED EXPANSION OF HMP STANDFORD HILL

### TRANSPORT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY NOTE

JUNE 2022

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#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1. This note has been prepared following the resolution at Planning Committee (12.5.22) to defer the determination of this planning application to allow further consideration of the highways issues, specifically prisoner vehicle movements.
- 1.2. A revised Transport Statement has been prepared.
- 1.3. It is noted that KCC Highways department has no objection to these proposals and has advised that no further mitigation is required.

#### 2. Prisoner Vehicle Movements

##### Existing situation

- 2.1. There are 464 prisoners currently at Standford Hill of which 140 prisoners attend external work placements. Of these, 69 prisoners have their own vehicle. Prisoners are only allowed to park on prison property and own a vehicle if they are in paid employment.
- 2.2. Peak movement times for prisoners leaving and returning to the prison would be 05:00-07:30 and 18:00-21:00 respectively.

##### Proposed figures

- 2.3. It can be confirmed that based on 120 new prisoners:
  - 38 prisoners could attend jobs off site.
  - Of those, 19 are likely to travel in their own car.
  - The remaining 19 are likely to travel by car sharing or minibus.
  - Peak movement times will be the same as above.

##### Analysis

- 2.4. With reference to the above, it can be confirmed that:
  - The increase in vehicle movements associated with prisoners accessing jobs off site is minimal, with 19 departures by car in the morning and 19 arrivals by car in the evening.



- Prisoner vehicle movements will avoid the typical highway peak hours of 08:00-09:00 and 17:00-18:00.
- The traffic movements will not have a significant impact on the local highway network.
- Car ownership is a privilege given to trusted prisoners and there is capacity within the proposed car park to park the additional cars/prison vehicles.

**3. Traffic Calming**

3.1. The applicant has met with Eastchurch Parish Council on 16.3.22 to discuss their concerns related to highways matters. As part of this dialogue, it was agreed to meet with KCC Highways to discuss whether traffic calming measures are required as part of this application. KCC Highways has confirmed in their response dated 12.5.22 that traffic calming measures are not required for this application.

**Traffic Survey**

3.2. A week-long traffic and speed survey was undertaken between 15th and 21st September 2021. The data from this survey is detailed below and demonstrates that 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speeds (recorded in line with national guidance) did not exceed the signed 30mph speed limit.

**Table 3.1 – Recorded 85<sup>th</sup> Percentile Speeds on Church Road**

	1000-1200	1400-1600	Average
Northbound	25.5 mph	26.1 mph	25.8 mph
Southbound	28.1 mph	28.3 mph	28.2 mph

3.3. The applicant is willing in principle to provide additional signage at the exit of the prison cluster advising vehicles to drive carefully and with consideration to neighbours.

**4. Conclusions**

4.1. A revised Transport Statement has been prepared following resolution to defer application 21/505461/PSINF to allow further consideration of prisoner vehicles movements.

4.2. It has been confirmed that up to 38 prisoners could travel off site for work and of those 19 could have access to a vehicle. The traffic impact of prisoner vehicle movements is therefore negligible with the majority of movements taking place outside of the typical peak hours on the highway network.

4.3. It is finally concluded that traffic movements associated with the proposed expansion of HMP Stanford Hill will not have a significant impact on the local highway network.