



Title	Buxton FC Travel Plan
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- 1. Introduction & Plan Overview**

This Travel Plan outlines the steps taken by Buxton FC as part of the Club's ongoing efforts to alleviate potential traffic and congestion issues at the Silverlands site and to mitigate possible concerns from stakeholders with regards to people from the local community travelling to the grounds. It has been written to discharge a condition imposed on planning permission HPK/2024/0289 for a replacement stand. Although the Club does not anticipate the replacement stand will generate a significant level of additional traffic, as the new seating will replace standing areas, the Club recognises the need to minimise the use of cars, particularly on match days and to minimise the impact of the use of neighbouring residential properties. This Plan is considered to be a reasonable and proportionate response to these matters.

This plan includes suggestions for traffic flow, alternative parking, and travel advice for fans (both home and away) to make the management of travel on match days and beyond as efficient as it can be.

As recommended by Derbyshire County Council, this Plan has been amended to incorporate the six core components which Nottinghamshire County Council recommend should be in every Travel Plan. These are:

1. A commitment from the developer to minimise Single Occupancy Vehicle (SOV) use by promoting and supporting alternative modes,
2. The identification of a Travel Plan Co-ordinator to manage travel to and from the site,
3. The setting of Targets with respect to the number of vehicles using a site,
4. The adoption of measures to reduce SOV travel in line with the Targets set,
5. The adoption of a monitoring regime to report achievement against Targets to the Council,
6. The commitment to review and update the Travel Plan in response to monitoring against Targets, which may include for the provision of fall back measures.

2. Objectives

The key objectives of this Travel Plan are to minimise the use of cars as a means of transport to the site, particularly on match days, and to ensure that travel to events at the ground is achieved in ways that minimise the environmental impact and the impact on the amenity of local residents in the areas close to the ground.

The number of vehicles using the site itself on both match days and non-match days is not, in itself, high as it is usually limited to players and some staff (estimated to be 20-25 cars per event), which park either on the site or outside the site on Silverlands. The highest level of use of the site is on Buxton FC match days when fans (both home and away) are visiting the site. As is set out below, there is no provision for fans to park at the site and there is no intention of allowing or encouraging this. Consequently, the Travel Plan focuses on managing travel to the ground and encouraging more sustainable forms of travel.

3. Pre-Match Traffic and Congestion Management

Possible issues with flow of traffic and access to the main road along the front of Silverlands site on match day to be managed as follows:

Action	Notes	Responsibility of
Use of a 'Traffic Management Steward' on Saturday First Team match days	To monitor and guide traffic around Silverlands, wherever possible guiding cars to nearby car parks (see section 3) in order to maintain a steady flow and minimise bottlenecks. <i>Additional note – Buxton FC does not have authority to close this road or enforce refusal of access to cars who wish to pass through, this role can only be held in a guidance capacity</i>	BFC Operations Team, including Travel Plan Co-ordinator
Coordination with local Police	Coordinate with local police to manage any road closures or restrictions where larger than normal crowd are expected (only applicable for significant matches throughout the season).	

Directional Signage	Place clear signage for both arriving and departing traffic to guide fans efficiently to preferred routes and parking areas. <i>Additional note – electronic signage at key points in town for big crowd fixtures has previously proved a very successful way to manage this, however we have had difficulty obtaining permission to use these from the relevant authorities</i>	
Traffic Staggering	Encourage fans (via social channels) to arrive early therefore reducing the peak influx closer to the game start time. Post-match we operate extended bar opening times to allow fans to remain on site and encourage a staggered exit.	

4. Alternative Parking Solutions

- 4.1. **Use of Local Car Parks:** BFC actively promotes the use of alternative parking facilities via the Club website and social media in an effort to reduce the number of vehicles arriving at Silverlands on match day, easing both parking demand and traffic congestion.

Detailed information about places to park when visiting is clearly displayed and easily accessible via the footer on the Buxton FC website ([Parking at the Stadium | Buxton FC](#)) and alternative car parks to use are listed as follows:

Market Place Car Park (SK17 6EB)

Sylvan Park (SK17 6BY)

Spring Gardens Car Park (SK17 6BY)

Other car parks can be found here: [Parking on Morrisons Bakewell Road, SK17. YourParkingSpace](#)

This page also contains a clear note guidance for approximate times from each of these points.

Note: previous efforts have been made with nearby businesses and schools that have parking facilities to establish additional parking facilities however given the additional resource it would require from these organisations to staff (opening up and closing the site on a Saturday for example) none of these have proved viable other than on a one-off basis in special-circumstance matches i.e. FA Cup, where the local Police and Buxton Infants School were most accommodating with the use of any spare space in their car parks.

- 4.2. **Residential and Restricted Parking Awareness:** signs have been installed along the front of the ground requesting visitors ‘park with care’ and/or ‘no parking in this area’ (both as applicable) to encourage visitors to park considerately, therefore avoiding inconvenience for local residents or posing an issue for emergency access.

Note: Buxton FC has no authority to display signage in surrounding residential areas to indicate that they are restricted or resident-only parking; all surrounding areas are public land and at most the Club can encourage visitors to park without causing inconvenience.

5. Promotion of Alternative Modes of Transport

5.1. In order to minimise Single Occupancy Vehicle (SOV) use, the Club will actively promote alternative modes of transport. Buxton is served by a station which is approximately 15 minutes' walk from the station, largely serving the areas to the north of Buxton. There are also local bus services which serve the wider area.

5.2. Where car use is the preferred means of transport, the club will encourage car-sharing through its website (ADD TO WEBSITE).

5.3. Public Transport Options

Train Services: Buxton railway station is located about a 15-minute walk from Silverlands. Train schedules Buxton FC will coordinate with the rail operator ahead of very high-attendance match days.

Bus Services: Information on bus routes through Buxton can be accessed via the BFC website (can be viewed [here](#)).

5.4. Cycling Facilities

Information about secure bike storage for visitors wishing to cycle is clearly available on the Buxton FC website (can be viewed [here](#)). In line with condition 7 of the planning approval HPK/2024/0289, dated 15 November 2024 secure bike storage will be provided on site as part of the redevelopment of the site. The availability of this will be highlighted on the website.

6. Communication and Travel Information for Fans

6.1. Travel and parking advice is sent out via Buxton FC's social media channels ahead of match days , signposting to the 'Getting to the Ground' page on the BFC website which details:

- Parking options
- Walking routes from parking and public transport stops
- Real-time traffic updates where known/relevant in case of exceptional incident or works (useful for away fans unfamiliar with the area).

6.2. **Coordination with Away Teams:** Travel advice is provided to the visiting team with the request that it be disseminated to their fan base. This includes best travel routes, available parking, public transport options, and any specific restrictions.

As part of pre-match operational arrangements as much information is gained as possible from the visiting Club including expected away fan numbers and how they will travel. Where this is by organised coach travel, as it tends to be for the bigger games, the coach companies are communicated with via the visiting club agreeing drop times and location, ensuring least disruption and travel distance for those fans. Upon arrival our stewards will ensure suitable space for any supporters coaches to temporarily stop and allow fans off the coach, before directing them away from the ground to the Buxton Coach Park, not returning until the full-time whistle.

7. Post-Match Traffic Control

If we have a large, segregated crowd, in coordination with our Safety Officer and the Police, we may on occasion retain the Away fans in the ground, for not usually more than 10 minutes, to allow the vast majority of the Home support to leave, therefore controlling the intensity. Unlike pre-match where fans typically arrive over an hour period, after the game around 90% are trying to leave all the same time.

To help spread the load, whereas entry is via two corners of the ground only, on exit we allow fans to depart via all 4 large gates.

Time and location are communicated to the coach drivers for the collection of away fans to ensure fans are safely returned onto their coach in a timely manner with the least travel distance possible from the exit gate. On occasions are retained for a short period to allow many of the home fan traffic to leave.

Summary of Key Advice for Fans:

Car Share with other fans to reduce the single occupancy of vehicles

Preferred Parking: Use designated car parks like Market Place or Pavilion Gardens and consider park-and-ride options on match days.

Public Transport: Opt for train or bus services where possible, with Buxton railway station and bus stops located a short distance from the ground.

Cycling and Walking: Bike racks are available locally, and will be provided at the ground as part of the approved replacement stand. Walking routes from parking and transport hubs are available via the BFC website.

Avoid Parking in Residential areas: Please respect nearby residents by avoiding parking in restricted areas.

The implementation of this plan will avoid and reduce the congestion around Silverlands, enhance the fan experience, and ensure a smoother match day for both Buxton FC and the local community. The Club will adopt a monitoring regime and will report achievement against the objectives set out above to High Peak Borough Council at the end of each season, in June. The Club will commit to review and update the Travel Plan in response to the monitoring outcomes. and to reflect any developments, learning or improvements to be made.