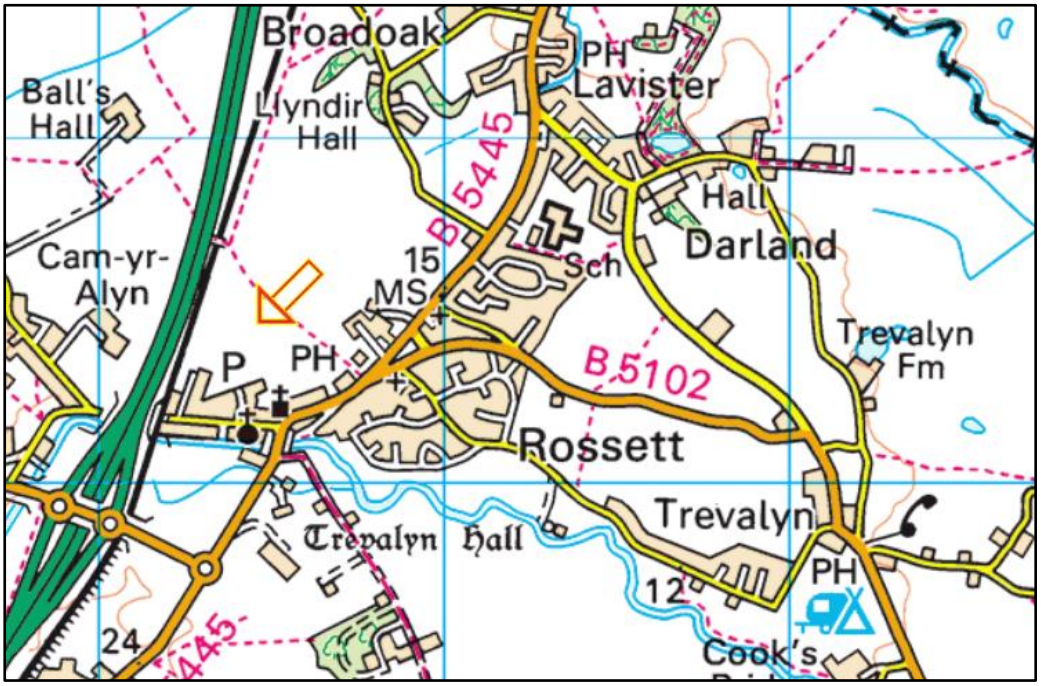
Wrexham AFC Youth Academy

Darland High School, Rossett



- **Traffic and Access Management Plan**
- **Car Park Management Plan**
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1. Introduction

Darland High School and Wrexham AFC are working in partnership in order to host the Wrexham AFC Youth Academy at the Darland School Campus in Rossett.

Development and investment by the club to date has seen extensive refurbishment of school playing fields and the installation of two modular buildings on the school campus, the latter being (along with a small welfare facility cabin for grounds maintenance personnel on the playing fields) the subject of a recent planning consent.

That planning consent contained conditions relating to usage by the Academy of the existing school facilities in terms of access, parking and travel to and from the site, mainly with the following aims:

- To minimise any increases in traffic locally as a result of the new usage;
- To minimise any increase in usage of narrow local country lanes and adjacent residential streets;
- To encourage as far as possible and practical sustainable modes of transport by users of the academy;
- To ensure that parking by users of the academy is contained within the school facilities that are already available and is managed efficiently;
- To ensure that all academy users are aware of the measures that are in place in respect of travel, access and parking.

In order to meet the conditions and the objectives above, Wrexham AFC has carried out the following:

- Consultation with Darland School Headteacher and Business Manager in terms of travel an access measures already in place at the school (the aim being to integrate any specific measures relating to academy use with facilities and arrangements already in place as far as possible);
- Procurement of Travel and Access Plan and Car Park Management Plan advice from Apex Travel Consultants to underpin the proposed measures.

As noted above, Darland School already has a number of facilities and measures in place with regard to access both within and outside active school hours. Therefore, the club has, in liaison with the school, drawn up this joint document, jointly owned by the school and the club, that sets out the key measures to ensure effective usage for the academy project.

2. Site Location

Darland High School is located in the village of Rossett, approximately 8km north of Wrexham. Its primary access is from the B5445 Chester Road west of the site.

The B5445 Chester Road provides a local route connecting the villages of Gresford, Marford and Rossett before continuing north to Chester and south to Wrexham. It is also a primary bus route between Wrexham and Chester. In the vicinity of the site Chester Road is a two-lane single carriageway approximately 7m wide. It has footways on both sides of the carriageway, has street lighting and is subject to a 20mph speed limit. There are no specific parking restrictions along Chester Road in the vicinity of the school entrance; there is a cycle lane some 200m to the north of the main school entrance but no cycle lane southwards towards Wrexham until beyond Rossett Village Centre.

3. Traffic and Access Management Plan and Travel Plan

3.1 General Site Access

In order to simplify arrangements for all parties and to maximise compliance with the spirit of the planning conditions, it has been agreed by the club and by the school that **all users of the academy facilities will access the Wrexham AFC Academy off the B5445 Chester Road (main school entrance) ONLY** (Point A on Figure 1 and Figures 2 and 3)**.**

Users are expected to arrive at the site by the following modes of transport:

- **On foot** (primarily from public transport (bus stops) on Chester Road and via drop-offs from vehicles on Chester Road and via existing public footpath).
- **By bike/scooter** – making use of bike shelters present in the main school car park area (Figures 4 and 5 and Point B on Figure 1).
- **By public transport** – like the majority of daytime school pupils, access to the site can be gained via the Route 1 Arriva Bus Service (Wrexham to Chester) along Chester Road (Darland Lane or St Peter's School stops) (see timetables in Appendix A).
- **By car/taxi** – all cars to park in the main school car park or overflow car-park on the school campus (Points C & D on Figure 1). Car sharing and similar strategies are also to be encouraged (Wrexham AFC 1st Team Players already share vehicles when travelling to their training facilities).
- **By coach/minibus** – all coaches/minibuses to use the coach parking and turning area on the school campus (Point E on Figure 1).

The primary advice to all academy users about the sole use of the main school entrance, and further information about the travel options listed above (along with relevant plans and details) are displayed on both the Wrexham AFC and Darland High School websites, where there is additional emphasis on providing information about and encouraging sustainable modes of transport. (www.wrexhamafc.co.uk & https://darland.wrexham.sch.uk

There is relevant on-site signage (both signs and road markings) delineating areas described above and shown on Figure 1 and additional Figures below.

School Campus signage and other relevant matters are also subject to review and periodic upgrade via the regular School Transport Risk Assessment Review by Wrexham Council (*"School Transport Risk Assessment Review Report: Darland High School, Chester Road, Rossett, Wrexham, LL12 ODL". Date of Traffic Assessment Visit: 4th September 2017. Date of Report: 13th August 2018*).

There is regular dialogue between Wrexham AFC and Darland High School on usage by the club (which is predominantly outside of the core school hours of 8.45am and 3.00pm) especially in terms of event and logistics planning (see also Section 5).

3.2 Pitch Maintenance and Emergency Playing Field Access

The recently improved Gamford Lane access to the school playing fields/academy pitch area is an already established entry point, hitherto used by the school-appointed ground maintenance Contractors, the *i*dverde Group, in order to maintain the Wrexham Council-owned school playing fields and surrounding hedgerows.

Wrexham AFC has now taken over responsibility for the maintenance and annual refurbishment of the pitches and playing areas and the perimeter boundaries of the site, and the same access point and usage frequency will be maintained. The amount of vehicle (car or pick-up) movements by academy groundstaff (2-3 persons max) will also vary. At present it is several times a week as the refurbished pitches are being prepared for use, but this will lessen. It will also be seasonal.

As set out in the submitted Planning Statement (Savills, August 2024), the shipping containers will be used as a storage area to serve the pitches.

The internal stoned tracks do not form part of the planning application but provide important access for emergency vehicles and maintenance and also secure space for players, referees, coaches, and parents when accessing the area from the school campus.

The pitches will be subject to annual maintenance and refurbishment (seasonal) and will involve short periods when materials and plant need to be brought into the site via the Gamford Lane entrance. All Contractors are instructed to approach the site from the south and to leave the site in the same direction. All Contractors will use banksmen at the site entrance and the southern end of Gamford Lane to maximise safety during these periods.

4. Car Park Management

Figure 1 identifies the existing car and coach parks on the school site that will be utilised by the Wrexham AFC Youth Academy. The capacities of the car parks are shown in Table 1 as follows:

Area	Status	Spaces
Area C	Marked Out Car Park	72 spaces
Area D	Marked Out Car Park	9 spaces
Area E	Coach Park	10 bays

Table 1: Campus Car Parks

There are an additional 21 car park spaces on the school campus nearer to Darland Close that can be utilised if necessary, bring the total of formal car parking spaces to 102.

The academy operations will involve only one coach at any one time, and, if required, the coach park area (Area E) can be utilised as overflow car parking. Apex have shown that up to 60 additional cars can be parked in this area (55 if a coach is present) if required. This would provide well in excess of the envisaged usage peaks associated with the WAFC Academy.

As part of the original planning application, Apex undertook a parking beat survey in December 2024 as part of the initial planning application, the results of which have already been submitted to WCBC.

In summary, the peak demand for car parking arises at 15:00 during term-time weekdays and the proposed Academy usage does not coincide with this.

A worst case-scenario of a potential clash with a Youth Academy Training night and a School Parents Evening showed that parking capacity would still not be exceeded. In percentage terms, the peak demand represents only 60% of parking capacity.

Notwithstanding this, as described above, there will be day-to-day liaison between the club and the school on parking arrangements and any issues that may arise, and specific strategic planning for events both at the school and at the academy in order to ensure effective use of the available parking space.

5. Relevant Club and School Access and Travel Contacts

The Travel and Access and Parking Management for Wrexham AFC is:

- Gemma Jones: gemma.jones@wrexhamafc.co.uk; 07415 967454

The Travel and Access and Parking Management contact for Darland High School is:

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This document will be the subject of ongoing review jointly by the club and the school.

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Joanne Lee, Headteacher, Darland High School

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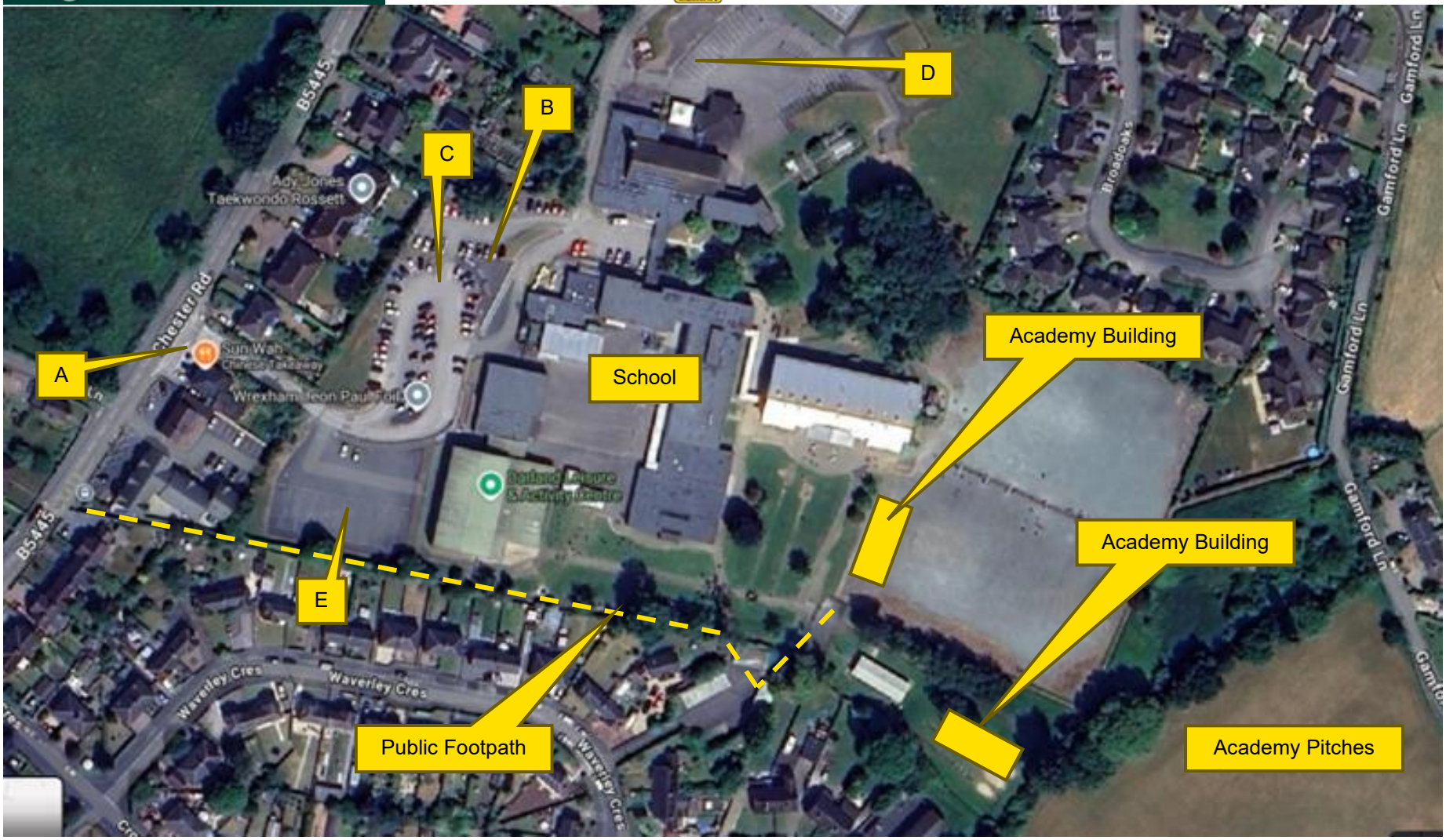


Figure 1: Darland School Access and Parking



Figure 2: Chester Road from School Entrance Looking North and Looking South



Figure 3: Main School Entrance (Point A on Figure 1)



Figure 4: On campus access to bicycle sheds (area B on Figure 1)



Figure 5: On campus bicycle sheds

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Appendix A

Route 1 Bus Timetables

DARLAND HIGH SCHOOL
ASPIRE, APPLY, ACHIEVE

1 Wrexham to Chester Rail Station

via Gresford, Marford, Lavister and Chester Business Park - Valid from Sunday, January 26, 2025 to Monday, October 6, 2025

Monday to Friday - Chester Railway Station

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Marford Red Lion Hotel	0553	0608	0623	0638	0653	0710	0726	0743	0757	0810	0825	0845	0856	0910		25	40	55	10		1355	1410	1425	1440	1455	1510	1525	1540	1555	1610
Chester Business Park Lakewood	0607	0622	0638	0653	0708	0725	0745	0805	0819	0833	0848	0907	0916	0927	these mins	42	57	12	27		1412	1427	1442	1458	1513	1528	1543	1558	1613	1628
Chester Railway Station	0618	0633	0650	0705	0720	0740	0800	0821	0840	0853	0908	0924	0931	0942		57	12	27	42		1427	1442	1457	1514	1529	1544	1602	1617	1632	1647

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Marford Red Lion Hotel	1625	1640	1657	1710	1725	1745	1805	1835	1903	1933	1958	2033	2103	2133	2203	2233	2303			
Chester Business Park Lakewood	1643	1658	1716	1729	1744	1803	1823	1850	1916	1946	2011	2046	2116	2146	2216	2246	2316			
Chester Railway Station	1702	1717	1736	1747	1802	1819	1839	1905	1930	2000	2025	2100	2130	2200	2230	2300	2330			

Monday to Friday - Wrexham Bus Station 7

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Chester Kings School	0642	0706	0721	0740	0757	0812	0827	0842	0900	0915	0927	0942	0954	Then at	09	24	39	54	past each hour until	1439	1451	1506	1521	1538	1553	1611	1626	1638	1653	1706
Pulford St Mary's Church	0651	0716	0731	0750	0812	0827	0842	0857	0910	0925	0936	0951	1003	these mins	18	33	48	03		1448	1500	1515	1530	1548	1603	1622	1637	1649	1704	1721
Marford Red Lion Hotel	0659	0724	0739	0759	0821	0836	0851	0906	0919	0934	0945	1000	1012		27	42	57	12		1457	1514	1529	1544	1559	1614	1633	1648	1700	1715	1731
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Saturday - Chester Railway Station

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Chester Business Park Lakewood	0609	0634	0704	0735	0805	0835	0905	0935	1000	1023	1038	1053	1108	1123	1138	1153	1210	these mins	25	40	55	10		1355	1410	1425	1440	1453	1505	1520
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Marford Red Lion Hotel	1435	1450		05	20	35	50		1735	1805	1835	1900	1930	1958	2033	2103	2133	2203	2233	2303
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Marford Red Lion Hotel	0705	0735		05	35		1105	1120	1135			50	05	20	35		1420	1435	1450	1509		24	39	54	09		1854	1912	1947	2001
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