

MAPLE LODGE ACCESS PLAN

Description

Maple Lodge is located at the top of a steep narrow road leading from Pepper Street to the May Queen Field.

The road rises up between vertical retaining walls on both sides.

It is only wide enough for one vehicle and there is only limited space for turning round at the top of the road.

There is only limited space for parking vehicles at Maple Lodge.

Generally the only vehicular traffic is to Maple Lodge and the private house opposite (No 22).

There is regular pedestrian traffic to and from the May Queen Field.

Maple Lodge is primarily a Guide & Scout Centre (users) and the majority of pedestrians will be children.

Maple Lodge will also be made available to community groups (hirers) many of whose activities involve children. Their activities, if not involving children, may take place when other user/hirer's activities do not involve children.

There is no separate footpath.

There is a single lighting column at the top of the road by Maple Lodge, otherwise the road is unlit.

Risk Assessment

Vehicles can meet head on.

Vehicles can hit pedestrians.

A significant number of the pedestrians will be children.

Not all children are fully aware of the risks presented by road traffic on what is essentially a private drive.

Maple Lodge will be used all year including winter; vehicle drivers may not see young children in the dark.

The consequence of an incident could range from minor injuries through to the death of a pedestrian. This is in addition to any material damage done to vehicles and the retaining walls to either side of the access road.

Method Statement (to manage risks)

In order to mitigate risks to pedestrians and vehicles, all users (Guides and Scouts) AND hirers shall comply with the following requirements:

- All users and hirers are encouraged to walk to Maple Lodge

- Only vehicles belonging to the user/hirer's leadership team may use the road and Maple Lodge car park.
- Parking is limited to 2 vehicles per user/hirer although reasonable use may be made of any remaining spaces by users'/hirers' leadership team
- All other users/hirers shall, as required, park either on street or in the nearby public car park
- Parents and carers bringing/collecting children (disabled children excepted) to Maple Lodge for any activity shall leave their vehicles either on street or in the nearby public car park; they must not under any circumstances attempt to bring their vehicle up the access road.
- Parents and carers of disabled children and adults should discuss accessibility issues with the Maple Lodge Management Committee in order to determine a safe means of access
- Where possible use of the access road for the transport of materials to and from Maple Lodge shall be planned so as to avoid the times when children are likely to be using the road.