

Barrowby Village

Facilities and Accessibility Assessment

Supporting Evidence to the Formal Response to the Framework Residential Travel Plan

Application reference: S25/2471

Submitted on behalf of Barrowby Action Group

1. Purpose of This Report

This report has been prepared by Barrowby Action Group to provide a clear, factual overview of the limited range of facilities available within Barrowby village and the distance to key services located outside the village. The document is intended to support and be read alongside the Response to the Framework Residential Travel Plan and to assist decision-makers in assessing whether the proposed development can reasonably support sustainable travel patterns in accordance with national and local planning policy.

2. Facilities Available Within Barrowby

Barrowby is a small rural village with a very limited range of local facilities. Those available within the settlement are set out below.

2.1 Local Facilities

- Primary School – Barrowby Church of England Primary School
- Public House – The White Swan
- Convenience Store – Co-op (with cash machine)
- Café – Dougie's Café (limited opening: 4 hours over lunch only on Thursdays and Fridays, and one Saturday night and Sunday lunch per month)

These facilities provide only basic services and do not meet the majority of residents' day-to-day needs, including employment, secondary education, healthcare, leisure, and comparison retail.

3. Facilities Located Outside Barrowby

All other essential services are located outside the village, predominantly in Grantham. Access to these facilities therefore requires travel beyond Barrowby.

3.1 Distance to Key Facilities

Facility	Distance (miles)
Corner shop (Dysart Road)	1.5
Fish & chip shop (Dysart Road)	1.5
Co-op / Post Office / ATM (Dysart Road)	2.0
Meres Leisure Centre	1.9
Grantham Train Station	2.9
Grantham Bus Station	2.8
Lidl	2.8

Aldi	2.6
Asda / Pharmacy	2.5
Morrisons	2.8
Sainsbury's	3.2
M&S Food	3.2
Tesco (small format)	2.0
Grantham Hospital	3.6

4. Education Facilities

4.1 Schools Outside the Village

School	Distance (miles)
Harlaxton School	3.1
Poplar Farm Primary	2.2
Denton School	3.1
King's Grammar School	3.1
KGGS	3.3
The Priory Academy	3.9
Walton Girls' High School	2.8
West Grantham Academy	2.0

All secondary education facilities are located outside Barrowby, reinforcing reliance on car travel, particularly in light of the absence of safe walking and cycling routes identified in the accompanying Travel Plan response.

5. Healthcare and Community Facilities

Facility	Distance (miles)
Swingbridge Surgery	2.2
Vine Street Surgery	2.8

St Peter's Hill Surgery	3.1
Barrowby Gate Pharmacy	2.0
Gill Pharmacy	2.3
Boots Pharmacy (Grantham)	3.0
QMC Nottingham Hospital	26
Lincoln County Hospital	31

6. Accessibility Implications

Although some facilities may appear to be within acceptable distances on paper, distance alone does not equate to accessibility. As set out in the accompanying Travel Plan response, many routes are unsafe, discontinuous, or inaccessible for pedestrians and cyclists. Public transport provision is currently unsecured and unreliable, limiting realistic alternatives to car travel.

7. Conclusion

Barrowby contains only a very limited range of facilities, with the majority of essential services located outside the village at distances that necessitate travel. When considered alongside the lack of safe and suitable pedestrian and cycle infrastructure and the absence of secured public transport provision, this assessment demonstrates that residents of the proposed development would be heavily reliant on private car use for everyday needs.

This evidence supports the conclusion that the Framework Residential Travel Plan overstates the accessibility of local facilities and fails to demonstrate a genuinely sustainable transport strategy.