



# Traffic Management Statement

## Our Commitment

We are committed to ensuring that our cookery school has as little impact as possible on local roads as possible. We fully understand the importance of road traffic management, and even represented the community at the Houses of Parliament to challenge what we thought were poor traffic plans for the construction of the HS2 Millington Viaduct.

We are confident that the material impact on the roads in the area is negligible, but have nonetheless developed a management strategy to help ease any potential problems.

## Traffic Flow from Cookery School Activities

Car traffic to the cookery school follows **Millington Lane** between Chester Road and Reddy Lane. All our visitors are directed via road signage off Millington Lane and down our farm track (instead of along the very tight Millington Hall Lane).

We have reviewed CCTV footage of entry and egress to our classes in March 2025. Over this time, we observed many family or coworker groups sharing vehicles and an average of **6 cars per session**. Cars tended to arrive sporadically across the 30 minutes before their class start time and depart over the 15 minute period after the class ended.

Highways England-modelled traffic flow (in preparation for HS2) has allowed us to compare baselines with the increase in flow from our cookery school classes along the Millington Lane stretch, where the farm track is accessed. The following is based on the increase in public vehicle activity to this stretch over our opening hours, 10am to 10pm;

| Cars per session                  | Total daily activity                              | % daily traffic increase |
|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Average <b>6 cars</b>             | <b>1.5 hours</b>                                  | <b>1.5%</b>              |
| Maximum class size <b>15 cars</b> | *2 sessions at 30 mins entry/15 mins exit per day | <b>4.3%</b>              |

*\*Based on the HS2 model of 516 journeys per day (41 vehicles per hour AM / 46 vehicles per hour PM)*

## Traffic Flow Management

National traffic guidelines suggest that a change of less than 10% is considered negligible, but we have nevertheless implemented the following to ensure we do not cause unnecessary traffic in the area;

- Our class sizes are capacity restricted and pre-booked, allowing us to tightly control the number of vehicles travelling
- We provide clear road signage so visitors use the correct access routes, and avoid the very tight Millington Hall Lane.
- We are reviewing possible incentives for our guests for travelling via public transport. e.g cycle or carpool. (for example, we currently offer free overnight parking for any guests who carpool home).
- Our deliveries are very sporadic, at 3-4 maximum drop offs per week. Deliveries are always scheduled 9am-5pm.

## Parking Arrangements

A large, secure hardstanding area is available at the farm for all guests travelling to their classes via road. This is currently sufficient for our needs and there is no need for any farm-visitor vehicles to use public highways for parking.

## Communications

Any guest is welcome to contact the Experience Manager at any time with traffic concerns.

*Supporting documents for Premises License application for Cookery School at land at Millington Hall Farm [19-Aug-25]*