Design:

Use
The building’s will be used for general teaching in conjunction with the existing accommodation within the school.

Size
The proposed development consists of Two single storey double classroom mobile building of approx 142m² each. The height is approx 3.3m.

Layout
The layout of the site is as existing, and therefore has been somewhat predetermined.

Landscape
The mobiles will be sited to the front of the main school and playing fields clear of trees and shrubs.

Appearance
The proposed buildings are of standard single storey mobile classroom construction. The elevations are perpendicular surmounted by a low pitch roof. The roof is finished in grey felt with a small overhang, discharging rainwater into a black PVC gutter and down pipes. The height of the roof is approximately 3.3m from ground level. The walls are refinshed in a stippled weatherproof coating, all painted in dark Green (12 B 25) colour. All windows have white uPVC frames and are double glazed in clear float glass. A wooden slatted skirt is fitted between ground and floor level, the slats being horizontal.
Access:

The building design takes account of:-

**Approach**
Within the limits of the site the mobile has been positioned to create ease of access for all users.

**Parking**
Not applicable.

**Entrances**
Access to the site is as existing with no need for any alterations. Access to the mobile will be via steps and ramp to the main entrance.

**Location**
The mobiles will be sited on a grassed area to the front of the main building, so provides good access to main school areas such as the hall, but with minimal impact on the playing fields.

**Horizontal Circulation**
The horizontal circulation within the mobiles has been carefully planned to accommodate all users.

**Vertical Circulation**
Vertical circulation is not applicable for these single storey building

**Access to all Services**
Internally the mobiles have been carefully laid-out to maximise use. All facilities are logistically placed in relation to each other.

**Emergency Egress**
The design of the mobiles will ensure and assist evacuation should an emergency occur. All travel routes have been carefully planned and emergency exit facilities provided. Evacuation planning will be recorded and regularly tested by the occupiers.

**Waste Management**
There will be minimal waste generated during the installation of the mobiles. Each contractor will be responsible for removing their own waste to a licensed tip.

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Northamptonshire, like all other areas of the country is having to deal with the largest numbers of Primary age pupils entering the education system since the 1970’s. There is a national growth in the birth rate that has now impacted on schools. As recently as last week a national newspaper ran a ‘two page spread’ on the crisis, as it referred to it (see link below). In other areas of the country 4 and 5 year olds are having to be bussed to schools with capacity. In the main, for obvious reasons, we have avoided this. In Northamptonshire the problem is compounded by being a growth county and through in-migration. We, like other areas are having to look at contingencies that may include using buildings other than schools. However, we are not there yet and are managing the situation. This has involved extensions to schools and the deployment of mobiles. The Northampton town centre area is that with the greatest pressure.

We are building new schools to accommodate new developments. These are funded through Section 106 funding and NCC funding. Where it is possible, and we have time, we are building extensions to schools. Some of the growth has been predicted, however some, for example that from in-migration is less predictable and there is a need to respond quickly. We are currently working with the largest number of ‘in year’ admissions that we have ever had. From 50 a month, several years ago, we now have more than 200 per week at some times.

In relation to Northampton, the town has seen a rise in demand for reception and Year 1-2 places over the past 3 years. See table below.

![Graph showing change in number of pupils on roll over time](image)

The Council’s strategic planning has made provision for an additional 15 forms of entry into Northampton for Reception (15 x 30 places). 24% of the additional demand has arisen from in-migration to the county, which has added an extra dimension to the pupil place planning beyond birth rate projections.

The Authority has since received a further 75 applications for school places over the 2012 August Bank holiday weekend.
We are currently looking at **permanent** solutions to include extensions to the following local schools:

- Earl Spencer
- Castle
- Kings Heath
- Weston Favell
- Sunnyside
- Standens Barn
- Hunsbury Primary -reverting to 2 FE
- Briar Hill
- The Abbey
- Ecton Brook
- Upton
- Cogenhoe
- Hopping Hill remaining as 2FE
- Possibly Kingsthorpe

Other temporary solutions have been found at Queen Eleanor by extending for 2 years into existing accommodation. We are also looking at the use of alternative buildings as either standalone schools or annexes to existing schools. Abington Vale has two classes in temporary mobiles, and likewise, we are proposing Bridgewater also has two classes housed in a temporary mobile classroom.

It is expected that extensions at other schools will take the strain of the bulge in the medium term. Longer term the bulge is expected to fall back to a smaller number. When these bulge year groups work through the school, the mobiles can be removed from the site. Therefore, I apply for planning consent for 5 years.

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Two links to recent newspaper articles about the problem


http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/educationnews/9138541/Warning-over-acute-shortage-of-primary-school-places.html
Application for planning permission of a mobile classroom

Supporting Statement for Chiltern Primary

Northamptonshire is currently experiencing an unprecedented demand for primary school places across the county for admission from September 2012 onwards. This is evidenced by the following:

- Recent census data has confirmed a 19% increase in the county’s under fives population since 2001
- 24% of the increase is due to in-migration that is not reflected in the birth data
- The Council has received 931 late applications for primary places since the national Offer Day on 2nd May 2012
- The Council is planning to extend schools to provide an additional 6,700 primary places by September 2014

It is particularly evident in Northampton town, and despite making plans to add fifteen forms of entry (450 Reception places), additional capacity is required. The volume of late applications means that emergency measures have already been put in place to deliver 150 additional places for September 2012. The alternatives of delaying entry or bussing to schools with surplus places (some distance away) are not suitable ones, although are being considered by other authorities. The County Council has a statutory function to provide sufficient school places and is continuing to receive school applications from newcomers to the county. As well as pressure on Reception places, there is now a shortage of places in Years 1 and 2, and Chiltern Primary has been asked to take an extra class of Year 2 children from the October half-term onwards. This will be a temporary measure in advance of a formal consultation and feasibility study on the possibility of expanding to two forms of entry.

It is proposed that a double mobile will be installed on the Chiltern Primary site and this will provide additional capacity for two years until a permanent extension can be considered. The school has had a double mobile in the past, so there is provision on site for suitable connections and installation. Additional factors that have been taken into account in proposing an increase in numbers at this school include:

- Long term opportunities and educational / financial benefits of moving from one form of entry to two
- Chiltern benefits from a large school site and external facilities that offer opportunities for expansion
- New housing development in the immediate area will generate further pupil numbers and makes proposed expansion a viable and sustainable long term option
Due to delays with the construction of the School extension, the Chiltern Primary site requires an additional double mobile to provide capacity for the additional pupils after the original planned time scale of September 2014.

A double mobile is currently located at the front of the school site. It is proposed as indicated in the attached plan to relocate this to the edge of the grass sports field aside an additional mobile as shown. The rationale for this move is that it enables the wave 2 contractor delivering the already approved planning accommodation on the site to provide staff car parking that would otherwise be relocated to the public highway. Relocating further car parking to the public highways has been subject to recent on site discussions with County Council Highways, Elected Members and Police and considered unacceptable given the number of public highway offences and civil disputes.