Planning Statement of Need:
Mobile classroom at Spring Lane Primary for September 2014

Planning permission is being sought for an additional mobile classroom to be installed at Spring Lane Primary. This is for a very limited period to provide an extra classroom until building works have been completed on site. As part of a capital programme to expand eleven primary schools in Northampton, the County Council has entered into a contract variation with its PFI provider, Northampton Schools Ltd, for extensions at these schools to be delivered during 2014-15. Delays in the procurement process have meant that building works will not be complete for the start of the new academic year in September 2014, so an extra classroom is required as an interim measure. The PFI negotiations have now been concluded however and works start on site on 8 May. The contractor is Interserve.

The extension at Spring Lane will provide permanent accommodation for a two form entry primary school ie a total of 420 primary places, thus doubling the capacity from the original single form of entry. Construction will finish in January 2015 and will provide permanent accommodation, replacing all temporary classrooms. All of the mobile classrooms on the Spring Lane site are expected to be removed by the end of November 2014.

Spring Lane began its expansion in September 2010 and is now two forms of entry in Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3. The statutory process for expansion was approved by the County Council’s Cabinet in September 2012. The demand for 60 pupil places per year group remains high at this school and in September 2014, 62 places have been allocated for the new Reception classes. This is two places over the published admission number due to pupils’ special circumstances.

The current pupil numbers (May 2014) are as follows:
- Reception: 60
- Year 1: 59
- Year 2: 60
- Year 3: 58
- Year 4: 30
- Year 5: 28
- Year 6: 30

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Design:

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

Size
The proposed development consists of a single storey single classroom mobile building of approx 68m². The height is approx 3.0m.

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

Landscape
The mobile will be sited on a grass area adjacent to the school playing field and playground. The landscape of the site will remain the same other than the footprint of the mobile.

Appearance
The proposed building is 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 3.0m from ground level. The walls are refinished 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.

**Horizontal and Vertical Circulation**
The horizontal circulation within the mobile has been carefully planned to accommodate all users. Vertical circulation is not applicable for this single storey building.

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

**Emergency Egress**
The design of the mobile will ensure and assist evacuation should an emergency need 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 mobile. Each contractor will be responsible for removing their own waste to a licensed tip.

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