Chiltern Primary School
Chiltern Way, Northampton, NN5 6BW
Proposed Mobile Double Classroom
Design and Access Statement

**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 double classroom mobile building of approx 152m² each. The height is approx 3.3m.

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

**Landscape**
The mobile (B) will be sited to the side of the main school and playing fields along side the relocated double mobile (A) clear of trees and shrubs.

**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 3.3m 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 mobile (B) will be sited on a grassed area to the side of the main building along side the existing mobile (A); 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 mobile 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 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 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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Application for planning permission of a mobile classroom

Supporting Statement for Chiltern Primary

We have already successfully applied for planning for the two mobiles at Chiltern but due to unforeseen circumstances with the school extension; We will have to relocate the second mobile class room (B) as shown on the provided location plan.

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 2\textsuperscript{nd} 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 wave2 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.

The above planning application has been successful but due to unforeseen circumstances with the school extension;

We will have to relocate the second mobile class room (B) as shown on the provided location plan.