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 78m². The height is approx 3.3m.

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. Some young trees and shrubs will be relocated.

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. Wire security covers will be installed to the windows. 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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Statement of Need: Duston Eldean Primary School
Planning application for a mobile classroom

Introduction

Planning permission is being sought for a single mobile classroom to be installed on the site of Duston Eldean Primary School to allow the school to take an additional form of entry of Reception children (an extra 30 places) in September 2014. This is proposed as a one-off temporary measure prior to a new primary school opening in Duston from September 2015. The mobile classroom is needed to provide additional accommodation whilst the extra class works through the seven years of the primary phase of education.

Background

The local authority has a statutory duty to provide school places and works with a number of providers to deliver this remit, including the voluntary aided sector, Academy sponsors and Free Schools. Northampton town has experienced a rapid rise in demand for primary school places and is one of the fastest growing parts of the country. The Council’s capital programme has made provision to add twenty-one forms of entry across the town’s primary schools by September 2015, which is an extra 630 places for Reception children (a total of 4,410 primary places). Many schools have recently been extended or have extensions under construction, and there have been projects like Stirling House in the town centre, where an office block has been successfully converted into a 210 place primary school. A further 840 places are being provided by new primary schools: Malcolm Arnold Free School opens in September 2014 and The Duston Academy extends its age-range from September 2015 to offer primary education.

Admissions to Reception for September 2014

Following National Offer Day and the allocation of places for children due to start primary school in September 2014, there remained 204 Reception places across the town as follows:
   - Duston area: 0 places
   - Eastern area: 90 places
   - Town Centre: 22 places
   - Kingsthorpe: 64 places
   - South: 28 places

This was the position as of mid May, but this did not include approximately 250 ‘late’ applications awaiting processing. Some of these will be duplicates / repeat applications, but it is expected that there will be a tight position once again in the overall number of reception places. The authority needs to make some additional capacity available and has identified the Duston area as the part of town where there is currently the greatest need.
The Duston area

This comprises nine primary schools: Duston Eldean, Chiltern, Earl Spencer, Hopping Hill, Lyncrest, Millway, St James, St Luke’s and St Marys. Their Reception classes are all going to be full in September 2014 and there are therefore no places in the Duston area to offer to any of the 250 late applications already received (plus those received between now and September).

Extra capacity has already been provided in the area by extending Chiltern, Earl Spencer and Hopping Hill. There will also be the new primary school (420 places) opening at The Duston Academy from September 2015. A mobile classroom is therefore considered the best way of providing the additional capacity prior to the new school opening. The Headteacher and Governors are supportive of this arrangement at Duston Eldean.

Travel to School

The arrangements for allocation of the extra 30 places at Duston Eldean will involve inviting parents who previously applied and were not successful to say whether they wish to be re-considered for a place, including those who have asked to go on the waiting-list for the school. It is not the case that the extra 30 places will be filled by ‘late’ applications from across the town; all applications for the school will be considered and places filled according to the published oversubscription admission criteria.

Postcode analysis of the unsuccessful applicants indicates that 16 out of 29 in total have a NN5 6XX postcode. Some of these families may wish to retain the alternative school place they have been offered, but others may wish to take up a place at Duston Eldean. In addition there are 17 out of 24 children on the current waiting list, who also have a NN5 6XX address. This extra capacity at Duston Eldean therefore puts an increased number of places into the admissions system as a whole, but also means more children can attend a school closer to home.

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