

Planning Statement for mobile classroom renewal at Brixworth

Brixworth is a large community primary school serving the village and the linked village of Scaldwell. It has an admission number of 70 pupils per year group and takes children aged 4 to 11 years (Reception to Year 6). The school is currently at or over its capacity in 2 out of its 7 year groups.

The pupil numbers in June 2014 are as follows:

Reception: 63
Year 1: 66
Year 2: 78
Year 3: 58
Year 4: 74
Year 5: 53
Year 6: 58

The majority of children (90%) attending the school live within the village or linked area. In addition to this, there is new housing development underway in Brixworth consisting of 150 new homes and it is anticipated this will generate up to 55 additional primary aged children. The school are expecting the first children from this development to start on roll at the end of June 2014.

The school have been allocated 61 new pupils for their Reception classes in September and will organise into eighteen classes across the school for the school year 2014 - 15. The double mobile needs to be retained on site as it will be used daily as basic need accommodation for two of the Year 2 classes.

The County Council currently has limited capacity to undertake building projects where mobile classrooms are on site, without funding from Section 106, due to significant capital pressures. However, once Section 106 funding is received from the new housing developments, the Council will consider the permanent needs of the school created by the additional children and any potential permanent extension required, to ensure the school has the appropriate accommodation for its cohort. In the meantime the double mobile is required to provide essential classroom space. Current projections indicate that demand is unlikely to diminish over the next few years for the school, especially taking into account housing growth within the area.

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Brixworth CEVC Primary School
Existing Double Mobile Classroom
Design and Access Statement

Design:

Use

The building is used for general teaching in conjunction with the existing accommodation within the school site.

Size

The development consists of a single storey mobile building of approx 149m². The height is approx 3m.

Layout

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

Landscape

The mobile is sited on part of the school playground. The landscape of the site will remain the same with the footprint of the mobile. An electricity supply is connected to the mobile by underground means, thus having no visual impact.

Appearance

The 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 ridge is approximately 3m 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. Specific access to the mobile is via a ramped pathway ensuring that the building complies with the Disability Discrimination Act requirements and Part M of the Building Regulations.

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 ensures and assists evacuation should an emergency need occur. All travel routes have been carefully planned and emergency exit facilities provided. Evacuation planning is recorded and regularly tested by the occupiers.

Waste Management

There is no waste generated as no changes are being proposed to the existing unit.

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