



Town and Country Planning Act 1990

PLANNING PERMISSION

Name and address of applicant

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Service)
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Part I - Particulars of application

Date of Application

Application No.

6th July 2007

NCC – 07/00033/CCD
SNC – S/2007/0976/PCC

Particulars and location of development

Demolition and replacement of two single mobile classroom units at Sponne School, Brackley Road, Towcester, NN12 6DJ in accordance with Site Plan – S0212 (Scale 1:2500), Elevations Plans (Scale 1:100), Floor Plans (Scale 1:50) and Supporting Statement all dated 6th July 2007

Part II - Particulars of decision:

The Northamptonshire County Council

Hereby give notice in pursuance of the provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 that **permission has been granted** for the carrying out of the development referred to in Part I hereof in accordance with the application and plans submitted subject to the following conditions:-

1. This permission shall be limited to a period of time expiring 31st August 2012. At or before the expiration of this period, the mobile classroom shall be removed and the site restored to its former condition.

Note: This permission only relates to planning permission and does not include consent under the Building Regulations for which separate permission may be required. The requirements of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970, the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 and the Special Education Needs and Disability Act 2001 should also be adhered to wherever appropriate.

Reasons for conditions and relevant Development Plan Policies

1. In the interests of visual amenity and in accordance with policy GS5 of the Northamptonshire County Structure Plan (2001) and policy G3 of the South Northamptonshire Local Plan (1997)

INFORMATIVE

The standard advice from the Crime Design Prevention Officer for mobile classroom units has been attached.

REASONS FOR APPROVAL

The current mobile classroom units are in a bad state of repair. Due to the school's review coming to an end a surplus of units are available and it would be beneficial to replace the units with two of these.

The application is considered to be acceptable in accordance with policy GS5 of the Northamptonshire County Structure Plan (2001) and policy G3 of the South Northamptonshire Local Plan (1997).

There have been no objections to the proposed development, the design is acceptable, and the character or amenity of the area as a whole will not be adversely affected.

Date.....15-8-2007.....

SignedM.B. Chant.....

For Chief Planning Officer

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Mobile Classrooms

Sharon Henley has asked that all planners consider the following recommendations to enhance the security of mobile classrooms regardless of their location:-

- Mobile classrooms should not be located on stilts but should have a protective skirt around the base to prevent access underneath. This minimises the potential for arson.
- Mobile classrooms should wherever possible have toilet facilities installed. This obviates the need for children to cross the school site unaccompanied, which is one of the concerns voiced by parents about mobile facilities.
- Teachers within mobiles should be able to call for assistance if faced with an angry parent or unauthorised intruder. Schools should have some recognised system in place.
- In addition where the mobile is located close to the fence consideration should be given to additional security measures for the windows. This can take the form of either welded mesh over the window or can take the form of heightened fencing in the location to make the throwing of missiles at the windows more difficult.

Where mobile classrooms have computers installed then the following additional security measures need to be implemented.

- The fire exit doors need to be solid and steel faced with no glazing. The steel facing to be secured with non return screws or coach bolts. The door also needs to be fitted with hinge bolts to protect the external hinges.
- The windows need to be fitted with weld mesh to make access through the glazing more difficult.
- Where the school is alarmed then the mobile classroom needs to be alarmed as an extension of the main provision.
- All computers need to be overtly marked with the name of the school and its post code and where practicable computers should be secured to the work station.

If there any specific issues relating to a particular mobile classroom application then Sharon Henley will respond via the consultation process.