Town and Country Planning Act 1990

PLANNING PERMISSION

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Part I - Particulars of application

Date of Application        Application No.
13th November 2008        08/00095/CCD / N/2008/1209

Particulars and location of development

Installation of two double mobile classroom units at Kingsthorpe Grove Primary School Playing Fields, Harborough Road, Northampton.

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:-

Time Limit

1. This permission shall be limited to a period of time expiring 31st December 2010. At or before the expiration of this period, the mobile classroom unit shall be removed and the site restored to its former condition.

Reason: In the interests of visual amenity.

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.
Informative(s)

1. For the avoidance of doubt the drawings and documentation to which this decision refers are as follows:


2. The standard advice from the Crime Design Prevention Officer for mobile classroom units is attached.

REASONS FOR APPROVAL

The overall design and appearance of the proposed mobile classroom units are considered to be acceptable and will not have any adverse impact on residential amenity given their proposed position within the site.

The application is therefore considered to be acceptable in accordance with saved policy GS5 of the Northamptonshire County Structure Plan (2001), and saved policy E20 of the Northampton Borough Council Local Plan (1997).

Date: 15th December 2008  
Signed: [Signature]

For Chief Planning Officer

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Dear Mr Moore

Mobile Classroom Planning Applications

Further to our conversation of today regarding security considerations for mobile classrooms. Please find detailed below general recommendations to enhance security of mobile classrooms regardless of location.

i) Mobile classrooms should not be located on silts but should have a protective skirt around the base to prevent access underneath. This minimises the potential for arson.

ii) 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 main concerns voiced by parents about mobile facilities.

iii) 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 perimeter fence and where there is a busy through route for pedestrians 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 window more difficult.

I would be grateful if these points could be considered when all mobile classroom applications are being decided.

Yours sincerely,

Sharon Henley  
Architectural Liaison Officer
Additional information for mobile classroom security

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 weldmesh 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 postcode and where practicable computers should be secured to the workstation.

This additional information is provided in light of recent crimes where the mobile classrooms have been targeted for their computers. I understand that even 'general classrooms' have IT provision within them especially where 'top juniors' are being accommodated.

Sharon Henley

25/03/2004