Town and Country Planning Act 1990

PLANNING PERMISSION

Name and address of applicant
Bridgewater Primary School
Bridgewater Drive
Abington Vale
Northampton
NN3 3AF

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Part I - Particulars of application

Date of Application
20th April 2009

Application No.
09/00025/CCD / N/2009/0299

Particulars and location of development

Installation of a Portakabin Duplex Building to be used as an ‘Out of Hours Club’ for a period of 5 years, Bridgewater Primary School, Bridgewater Drive, Abington Vale, Northampton, NN3 3AF

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 2014. 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:

   Design and Access Statement (date-stamped 20th April 2009), Drawing
   No.TS/GH/220048558 (Location Plan scale 1:1250, and Block Plan scale 1:200)
dated 6th April 2009 and Drawing No. HD/7305/02 (Plan and Elevations of
Duplex Modules) dated 8th April 2009.

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

REASONS FOR APPROVAL

SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR APPROVAL

The overall design and appearance of the proposed mobile classroom unit is
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 E20 of the Northampton Borough Council Local Plan (1997).

Date: 22nd June 2009 Signed: [Signature]

For Chief Planning Officer

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under the Building Regulations for which separate permission may be required. The
requirements of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970, the Disability
should also be adhered to wherever appropriate.
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.