Proposed Food Technology Building at The Latimer Community Arts College Castle Way Barton Seagrave Kettering Northamptonshire NN15 6SW

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PLANNING SUPPORT STATEMENT

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ADDRESS

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First construction at The Latimer Community Arts College was in 1975 and is now a Foundation School of 1150 pupils with age range of 11 – 19 years.

Full consultations have been sought with Northamptonshire County Council, Headteacher, staff and governors during the design process and it is felt by all parties that the proposals achieve the schools current needs within their present financial restraints.

The extension proposals will have no impact on existing playground facilities or neighbouring properties.

The existing site/buildings are not listed or within a Conservation Area.

There will be no additional pupils and parents using the facility as a result of the proposals.

There will no alteration to existing staffing levels.
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Use

The proposed building provides a Food Technology Classroom with associated Preparation Room and Plantroom.

At present the college does not have a dedicated food technology classroom and so this proposed facility will enable the curriculum requirements to be met.

Layout

The site of the proposed building is on the south side of the complex adjacent the existing Humanities Design block to which the subject is curriculum related.

The proposed building is self contained with its entrance conveniently located close to the Design block to which it is associated.

Amount

The Food Technology Classroom is 124m² with the Preparation Room at 11.5m² and Plant Room at 4.725m².

Scale

The scale of the proposal is in keeping with the adjacent single storey buildings, and in detail has been designed to match the more recently constructed on the site.

The proposed floor level is to suit the existing ground and paving levels to which the building is linked.

Appearance

The building sits beneath a rectangular low pitched hipped roof, with its entrance recessed under the corner adjacent the Design block. At this position an exposed circular steel post supports the roof, and the walls are constructed in contrast brickwork to emphasise the entrance. This detail and the proposed palette of external materials — (facing brickwork / roof tiles / windows / rainwater goods), are as used at the recent Sixth Form Centre and Dance Studio, located in the adjacent north east corner of the complex. All materials are indicated on the elevational drawing.
**Landscaping**

New planting beds are to be introduced as indicated on the drawing to provide an attractive buffer zone between the building and footpaths, which will provide a seasonal variation in colour and texture. Grass areas will be retained between to the west and southern sides.

A new tarmac path is to be laid extending around the building to link with the existing gate on the eastern boundary. A section of the existing block paved path leading to the new building will be re-laid to link with new block paving at the building entrance.

There will be no alterations to any boundary treatments and there will be no loss of playground areas etc.

**Access**

Access to the site for pupils, staff and visitors will not be affected.

Disruption will be kept to a minimum and no builders deliveries will be accepted to site during designated school start/finish periods and other break times. Weekend construction is not envisaged at this time to limit the impact on the local area. Normal working hours will be implemented.

Contractors site and compound areas will be determined and agreed between School and CDM Co-ordinator as will the extent of plant/delivery vehicles etc. All Contractors traffic movements will be guided by a banksman. The Contractor will be required to control noise, dust, mud on roads, access etc. Safe access routes will be designated.

Level access to the building will be available via the main entrance doors.