Town and Country Planning Act 1990

PLANNING PERMISSION

Name and address of applicant: NCC (Property Asset Management)
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Name and address of agent (if any):

Part I - Particulars of application

Date of Application: 14 January 2011

Application No.
NCC – 11/00003/CCD
NBC – N/2011/0037

Particulars and location of development

Installation of a single mobile classroom at Abington Vale Primary School, Ashford Close, Northampton, NN3 3NQ

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 31 March 2016. The mobile classroom unit shall be removed no later than this date, or at an earlier date if it is no longer required for the purposes for which it was installed, and the site shall be restored to its former condition.

REASON: In the interests of visual amenity.

Scope of Permission

2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans and documents:

Application Form (14/01/2011)

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.
Supporting Statement (14/01/2011)
Design and Access Statement (14/01/2011)
Site Plan – Ref: N0308A
Elevations and Floor Plans – Ref: Doc1
Tree removal Plan (22/02/2011)

REASON: To define the scope of the permission and in the interest of clarity.

Protection of Breeding Birds

3. Operations that involve the destruction and removal of trees, hedgerows and shrubs not be undertaken during the months of March to August inclusive, unless an ecologist report is submitted to demonstrate that breeding birds will not be affected and this has been approved in writing by the County Planning Authority.

REASON: To ensure that breeding birds are not adversely affected in accordance with saved policy E20 of the Northampton Borough Local Plan (1997).

Protection of Trees/Existing Hedgerow

4. All trees, hedgerows and shrubs to be retained shall be protected from any development, including the storage of earth and materials, by means of appropriate fencing in accordance with the provisions of the British Standard 5837:2005 “Recommendations for Trees in Relation to Construction”, or as otherwise may be agreed in writing with the County Planning Authority.

REASON: In the interest of amenity with regard to saved policy E20 of the Northampton Borough Local Plan (1997).

Replacement Trees

5. Prior to the occupation of the building hereby permitted, a scheme of replacement tree planting shall be submitted to the County Planning Authority for approval in writing. The scheme shall include details of the species, size, number and location of trees to be planted. Following approval by the County Planning Authority the scheme shall be implemented in full within the first available planting season.

REASON: In the interest of amenity with regard to saved policy E20 of the Northampton Borough Local Plan (1997).

Informatives

The applicant’s attention is drawn to the attached standard advice from the Crime Prevention Design Advisor for mobile classroom units.

Date: 11th March 2011
Signed ________________________________

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.