

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
PROPERTY ASSET MANAGEMENT**

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR
A DOUBLE CLASSROOM MOBILE
AT**

**RUSKIN INFANTS SCHOOL AND NURSERY
RUSKIN AVENUE WELLINGBOROUGH NN8 3EG**

Ruskin Infants School was built in the mid nineteen sixties to a standard design and specification that was popular at the time. Unfortunately the construction had many inbuilt design flaws that have led to various structural problems.

The county council has recognised these design flaws and has put together a comprehensive programme of remedial works in affected schools throughout the county. The remedial works are very invasive and require areas of the school to be taken out of use whilst the works are completed. Although the works are planned to be phased throughout the school inevitably there will be a serious shortfall of available accommodation to the school.

In the majority of affected schools there has been sufficient available space to ensure the school can function normally whilst areas have been taken out of use to accommodate the necessary works. However in the case of Ruskin Infants this is not the case. Therefore it is proposed to install a double classroom mobile adjacent to the school so that classes can be decanted from the main building on a rolling programme.

The works are scheduled to commence in the summer of 2011 and be completed around Dec 2011/Jan 2012. Therefore I am applying for temporary permission to cover the period whilst works are being carried out.

The double mobile classroom was initially installed to cover the situation outlined above. However there has been an increase in the number of pupils eligible and wanting to attend the school, that there is a medium term shortfall in available accommodation. A feasibility study has been commissioned regarding the construction of a permanent three classroom extension. Statutory consultation will also take place with a view to permanently increasing the pupil admission number.

It is anticipated that the above consultation and proposed building extension will be completed and be able to accept pupils by September 2014. In the meantime there is a need to retain the mobile classrooms to accommodate the immediate increase in pupils and the anticipated growth whilst the permanent extension is being built. I therefore apply for a three year extension expiring in January 2015 or on completion of the building works whichever is the sooner.

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Mobile Double Classrooms
Design and Access Statement

Design:

Use

The building is used for general teaching in conjunction with the existing accommodation within the school site whilst major remedial works are completed to the school fabric.

Size

The development consists of a single storey double classroom mobile building of approx 144m². The height is approx 3.3m.

Layout

The layout of the site is as existing, and therefore has been somewhat predetermined.

Landscape

The mobile is sited on a grass area adjacent to the existing school buildings at the end of the Junior school playing field. The landscape of the site will remain the same other than the footprint of the mobile.

Appearance

The building is of standard single storey mobile classroom construction. The elevations are perpendicular surmounted by a low pitch roof. The roof is finished in grey felt with a small overhang, discharging rainwater into a black PVC gutter and down pipes. The height of the roof is approximately 3.3m from ground level. The walls are refinished in a stippled weatherproof coating, all painted in dark green (12 B 25) colour. All windows have white uPVC frames and are double glazed in clear float glass. A wooden slatted skirt is fitted between ground and floor level, the slats being horizontal.

Access:

The building design takes account of:-

<u>Approach</u>	Within the limits of the site the mobile has been positioned to create ease of access for all users.
<u>Parking</u>	Not applicable.
<u>Entrances</u>	Access to the site is as existing with no need for any alterations. Access to the mobile is via a temporary hard paved pathway.
<u>Horizontal and Vertical Circulation</u>	The horizontal circulation within the mobile has been carefully planned to accommodate all users. Vertical circulation is not applicable for this single storey building.
<u>Access to all Services</u>	Internally the mobile has been carefully laid-out to maximise use. All facilities are logistically placed in relation to each other.
<u>Emergency Egress</u>	The design of the mobile will ensure and assist evacuation should an emergency need occur. All travel routes have been carefully planned and emergency exit facilities provided. Evacuation planning will be recorded and regularly tested by the occupiers.
<u>Waste Management</u>	There was minimal waste generated during the installation of the mobile. Each contractor was responsible for removing their own waste to a licensed tip.

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