Northamptonshire, like all other areas of the country is having to deal with the largest numbers of Primary age pupils entering the education system since the 1970’s. There is a national growth in the birth rate that has now impacted on schools. As recently as last week a national newspaper ran a ‘two page spread’ on the crisis, as it referred to it. In other areas of the country 4 and 5 year olds are having to be bussed to schools with capacity. In the main, for obvious reasons, we have avoided this. In Northamptonshire the problem is compounded by being a growth county and through in-migration. We, like other areas are having to look at contingencies that may include using buildings other than schools. However, we are not there yet and are managing the situation. This has involved extensions to schools and the deployment of mobiles. The Northampton town centre area is that with the greatest pressure.

We are building new schools to accommodate new developments. These are funded through Section 106 funding and some of our own funding. Where it is possible, and we have time, we are building extensions to existing schools. This is the case at Kingsley Primary. Some of the growth has been predicted, however some, for example that from in-migration is less predictable and there is a need to respond quickly.

The plans for the extension at Kingsley is well advanced, however the new accommodation will not be ready for occupation by pupils in September. In order to meet the accommodation needs of the school at the start of the new academic year, it is proposed to install a single mobile classroom for basic teaching use whilst the extension is completed. Once this is achieved the mobile will be removed from site. It is anticipated the woks will start later this year with completion within 18 months from start. I therefore apply for planning consent for two years or on completion of the works whichever is the soonest.

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Design:

Use
The building will be used for general teaching in conjunction with the existing accommodation within the school.

Size
The proposed development consists of a single storey single classroom mobile building of approx 72m2. The height is approx 3.3m.

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

Landscape
The mobile will be sited on a tarmac area adjacent to the school. The landscape of the site will remain the same other than the footprint of the mobile.

Appearance
The proposed 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:-

**Approach**
Within the limits of the site the mobile has been positioned to create ease of access for all users.

**Parking**
Not applicable.

**Entrances**
Access to the site is as existing with no need for any alterations. Access to the mobile will be via steps and ramp to the main entrance.

**Horizontal and Vertical Circulation**
The horizontal circulation within the mobile has been carefully planned to accommodate all users. Vertical circulation is not applicable for this single storey building.

**Access to all Services**
Internally the mobile has been carefully laid-out to maximise use. All facilities are logistically placed in relation to each other.

**Emergency Egress**
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.

**Waste Management**
There will be minimal waste generated during the installation of the mobile. Each contractor will be responsible for removing their own waste to a licensed tip.

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