Planning Statement

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St Mary’s C of E Primary School _ Burton Latimer
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1.0 Introduction

Full planning permission is sought for a temporary classroom at St Mary’s Church of England Primary School, Burton Latimer, which is located to the South of Kettering. Its address is: St Mary’s Church of England Primary School, High Street, Burton Latimer, Kettering, Northamptonshire, NN15 5RL.

This area of Northamptonshire is currently experiencing the beginnings of an increase in children of primary school age due to population expansion and demographic changes occurring within the area.

St Mary’s Church of England Primary School is a one form entry primary school for both boys and girls aged from 5 to 11. An independent after school care club and nursery are also located on the school site, identified on the plan as ‘Nursery’.

Under a separate application it is proposed that the school be enlarged in size from one to two forms of entry (September 2013); with an eventual additional intake of 240 pupils provided for by the construction of a two storey block to the East of the existing school building.

While this extension is being constructed there will be a short term lack of accommodation. The proposed temporary classroom will provide the additional space needed for these pupils until the completion of the building.

If the school extension, under application 1200073CCD, is not approved then this temporary classroom will not be erected.

Occupation of this classroom will occur from the 1st September 2013 for a minimum of 10 weeks, until the completion of the extension.

2.0 Planning Policy

The National Planning Policy Framework 2012 sets out a number of policies relevant to this application.

1 // ECONOMIC

To provide for the economic growth the educational infrastructure within the area needs to be expanded. The proposal is a temporary solution for a problem that when solved will provide for an additional 240 pupils at St. Mary’s Primary School.

2 // ENVIRONMENTAL

The temporary mobile classroom is located close to existing service, including drainage, as well as being easily accessible from Latimer Close.

Local planning policy, the North Northamptonshire Core Spatial Strategy adopted June 2008, strives for sustainable communities that can grow to maintain their economic success. This proposal will enable this growth within Burton Latimer, whilst retaining the visual appearance of St Mary’s Primary School as part of the main High Street.

The Core Spatial Strategy talks specifically about creating a Strong Network of Settlements. Meaning that each settlement should be able to provide appropriate amenities whilst also working with other settlements to provide for other neighbourhoods where necessary.

Policy 8 of the Core Spatial Strategy is ‘Delivering Economic Prosperity’. The policy states that ‘in order to develop the qualifications and skills to attract new businesses and assist with economic diversification, investment in education and training at existing facilities will be encouraged and where new facilities are necessary these will be developed at locations accessible by a choice of means of transport’. The building of the school extension, under application 1200073CCD, will enable necessary growth in North Northamptonshire, as well as creating jobs within the local community. Although this application is for a temporary structure it will aid the transition between the existing facilities and proposal 1200073CCD.

Policy 13 of the Core Spatial Strategy ‘General Sustainable Development Principles’ aims to provide sustainable accommodation that provides amenable space that is suitable for its local community and can be adapted for future use. The application addresses the policies aims by providing suitable accessibility, parking provision and will only temporarily affect the green space available to the school. The proposal is suitable to be used by all members of St Mary’s Primary school and will become a valuable link in creating the expanded school they need for future years.

Burton Latimer’s Local Plan encourages the retention of the characteristics of it’s main trunk roads, one being High Street. This proposal is set off High Street, on Latimer Close so does not therefore affect the Conservation Area or nearby listed buildings.
3.0 Submission

This submission includes a site plan, elevations and this Planning Statement.

The site layout shows the position of the mobile classroom in relation to the existing mobile classroom on site and Latimer Close.

It sits 6m to the north of the existing classroom, shown on the site plan below, with a temporary walkway adjoining the classroom with the hard Latimer Close to the classroom.

It is located outside of the conservation area and close to existing services, as well as close to access from Latimer Close. The structure will also house 2 WC’s for ease of use.

NOTE:
If permission for application 1200073CCD is not obtained the erection of this temporary classroom will not take place.
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Figure 2: Site Layout

Figure 3: Site Elevations