### Design:

#### Use
The existing mobile is currently used by the Mereway Butterfly Pre-school Nursery for the education of under fives which supports the Abbey Primary School and the local community. Abbey Primary School is due to have extensive construction works to extend the size of the school site, and the cabin currently housing Butterfly Pre-school is sited where the construction works are due to be carried out. As this mobile is not suitable for relocation, it will be demolished, and a replacement mobile classroom is to be installed on a different area of the school site, for the Pre-school’s use.

#### Size
The proposed development consists of a single storey mobile classroom mobile of approximately 103.2 m$^2$. The height is approx 3.3m. An external canopy is be included, height is approx 3.3m; length 6m and width 4.5 meters

A hard standing area it situated under the canopy

#### Layout
The internal layout of the building will be exactly the same as it is currently, please see below:
Below shows the current location of the mobile and the proposed new location at The Abbey Primary School. The area is free of trees and bushes, and is relatively flat, but some minor grounds work will be required.

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.

The building design takes account of:-

Approach
A new gate will be formed to allow access to the new location from the School’s car park. The new gate is for the sole use of the Nursery. Within the limits of the site the mobile has been positioned to create ease of access for all users.

Parking
No parking spaces are required on site.

Entrances
Access to the mobile will be via steps and ramp to the main entrance.
**Location**

The mobile will be sited on a grassed area to the front left of the main School building. This location will be ring-fenced to ensure the safety of the children attending the nursery. There is an element of ground levelling required but it is very minimal.

A new service supply for electric and water (no gas is required) so that the nursery group can be independent from the School.

**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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Supporting Statement to relocate the mobile nursery at The Abbey School.

Mereway Butterfly Pre-School Ltd was registered in 2011, and is managed by a board of directors and operates as a pre-school, breakfast club and an after school club. It operates from a mobile classroom within the grounds of The Abbey Primary School in Northampton. The children have access to two designated classrooms and an enclosed outdoor play area. The service was inspected by OfSTED in January 2013, and the quality and standards of the early years provision was judged satisfactory.

The pre-school, breakfast and after school club employs 11 members of childcare staff, and the site opens Monday to Friday during term time only from 08:00 to 18:00 hours. There are currently 57 children on the registration roll with 32 attending at any one time, highlighting that there is a high demand for this facility within this area. The pre-school serves the local area and is accessible to all children. OfSTED judged that "the children are cared for in a nurturing and supportive environment." These children are within the early years age group, ages three to four. It supports a number of children who speak English as an additional language. OfSTED also commented that "children at the after school club relax and have fun after a busy day at school. The atmosphere is happy and relaxed and children form good relationships with the staff."

Northamptonshire County Council has a statutory obligation to ensure the sufficiency of early years and childcare places, and works in partnership with third party providers to deliver the provision in each area. Mereway Butterfly Pre-School is on the early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. The County Council is funding the provision of a replacement mobile facility, re-located to a different position on The Abbey Primary school site as a consequence of the expansion and building work at the school. This is therefore related to Planning Application 13/00027/CCDFUL that has already been submitted for the extension at the primary school. It is essential that the Pre-School is able to maintain its service to families in Mereway and being located on the school site is ideal. This assists families with siblings at both settings and OfSTED has also commented that “close links have been established with the adjoining school in order to continue to enhance and develop children’s learning and development.” It has been well publicised that the county has experienced a 19% increase in the under fives population and the transition from pre-school to primary school is an important factor in future educational success. The County Council does not however currently receive capital grant funding from Government to support Pre-School settings, so third party providers are usually reliant on mobile facilities or shared use of village halls for example.

The planning of the site at The Abbey Primary School for the extension to two forms of entry (420 primary pupils) has also taken account of the needs of the Pre-School, particularly in terms of access for parents when they are dropping off and collecting young children at different times of the day. The proposal to renew and re-site the mobile Pre-School facility offers a number of advantages:
- The location is close to the site entrance and it means the Pre-School can operate outside of the ‘airlock’ that is managed by the PFI provider for the school; this means that safeguarding arrangements at both premises are more secure.
- The pre-school will have an improved designated pedestrian walkway from the site entrance and also its own designated car-parking.
- The current mobile facility is in poor condition and the replacement will be to a higher standard.
- Removal of the current Pre-School mobile allows the playground to be extended in a suitable location for the increased number of primary aged children.
- The new location of the Pre-School mobile makes use of a piece of the school site that is under-utilised, does not have any amenity impact on neighbours as it is well shielded, and allows the current piece of land to be re-instated for educational benefit.

The Pre-School is very popular within the area, and supports the local community as well as the primary school. The before and after school facilities are an important facility for working parents and increasingly supported by Government policy. The demand for places will be sustained, as the number of young children in the area is rising.