

**Caroline Chisholm School**

**Proposed Mobile Building**

**Design and Access Statement**

**Design:**

**Use**

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

**Size**

The proposed development consists of a single storey mobile building of approx 229m<sup>2</sup>. 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 part of the landscaped area adjoining the school car park. Two small trees will need to be removed. The landscape of the site will remain the same other than the immediate footprint of the mobile.

An electricity supply and mains drainage will be connected to the mobile by underground means, thus having no visual impact.

**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 ridge 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. The access path will need to be realigned within the site as mentioned above.

Specific access to the mobile will be via a ramped pathway ensuring that the building complies with the Disability Discrimination Act requirements and Part M of the Building Regulations.

Horizontal and Vertical circulation The horizontal circulation within the mobile has been carefully planned to accommodate all users regardless of disability. 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.

Tree Survey There are two small prunus trees growing within the proposed footprint of the mobile. These are relatively young trees of some 3-4meters high with a girth of 150mm at 1.2m high. They were planted as part of the original planting scheme when the school was built. Given the time of year when it is proposed to install the mobile it will be impractical to replant the existing trees. However replacements can be planted at the next planting season in locations to be agreed.

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**SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR**

**INSTALLATION OF A DOUBLE MOBILE CLASSROOM**

**AT**

**CAROLINE CHISHOLM SCHOOL  
THE WOOLDALE CENTRE FOR LEARNING  
WOOLDALE ROAD NORTHAMPTON  
NN4 6TP**

Caroline Chisholm is an all through 4-18 school. Since opening it has become a very successful and popular school. It has a one form of entry primary department and an 8 form entry secondary department. When built this was perceived as being adequate for the surrounding area. However over the past two years the housing has continued to develop and there is now a need in the area for an additional 30 places per year for primary aged pupils. When the school was built it was done so with the possibility of extending the one form entry to two form of entry and it is now proposed to do so.

The extra space for the first intake of 30 pupils will be needed for September 2008 and it is proposed to place a double mobile classroom on site whilst the permanent extension is built. This extension is due for completion in 2010 at which point it is proposed to use the mobile to house the nursery currently accommodated within the main school building. I therefore apply for planning consent for 5 years.