Two Classroom extension at Mawsley Community Primary School
Supporting statement

Reason for the development
The Primary School was built to serve the new village of Mawsley. The school opened in September 2004 and since then admission numbers have increased rapidly due to the developing village community. Due to the increased number of dwellings it is anticipated that the school admissions will exceed the current level of 30 pupils per year and in 2008 the admission level is expected to exceed 50.

Travel Plan
The school have developed a travel plan in accordance with Northamptonshire County Council guidelines. The aim of the plan is to reduce, as much as possible, the number of car journeys to the school and to encourage walking and cycling in a safe environment. Most of the children come from the village so this is a realistic goal.

Three surveys were undertaken amongst parents, staff and pupils to inform of current travel arrangements and views on future travel needs. The results of the survey confirmed that the majority of pupils walk to school with their parents with some cycling and some travelling in cars. The majority of children would like to cycle to school and a number of parents expressed a preference for a 'walking bus'.

The school's plan has set 3 main objectives which are
- to increase numbers walking and cycling by improving facilities
- to reduce congestion around the school
- to promote health and safety of parents and children

Actions planned to help achieve this include
- implement a walking bus scheme
- give access for key stage 2 children to undertake cycling proficiency
- newsletters to remind of dangers of double parking or parking on zigzag lines
- series of assemblies to emphasise importance of personal and road safety

The plan will be reviewed annually by the governors and amended when necessary.

The existing staff car park provides parking for 20 cars. Two cycle shelters are provided for pupils and staff. Existing vehicle and pedestrian access will remain as existing.
DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT

Two Classroom Extension

at

Mawsley Village Community Primary School

for

Northamptonshire County Council

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Site Context

Mawsley is a newly constructed village located approximately 5 miles south of Kettering on the A43 Broughton Road. Established amongst the traditional borough villages and hamlets of Northamptonshire, the new development provided by George Wimpey (East Midlands) is designed specifically to be a vibrant and well-served community.

Our proposals relate to the existing Primary School, which was built to service the new village. Located towards the northern edge of the village, the school and its grounds have housing to its East, South and West boundaries.

The site for this two classroom extension to the school is closest to the south-east boundary, but is partially screened by existing planting and fencing, and furthermore by the change in levels which slope down towards the school from the Scholars Row side of the boundary.

The existing building was designed to have a large central element (hall, circulation and entrance) from which single storey classrooms radiate. The central area is generally rendered and painted white, and the classroom wedges that form the main façade to the building are faced with redbrick, with elements of timber cladding and aluminium framed windows. Each classroom is expressed by the use of staggered walls and mono-pitched roofs, which create a saw-tooth effect. The site for this extension is at the end of a row of these classrooms facing Scholars Row, where there is currently an external covered play area and store.

Design/Appearance

The proposal for the two class extension is generally a continuation of the existing scheme along with an enlarged replacement of the covered external play area.

The design of the massing incorporates two new classroom fingers with an amenity block between them in the form of a wedge, which provides a pivot point for the new classrooms and allows for the continuation of the radiating effect of classrooms around the central hall.

Both classrooms are designed to have mono-pitched roofs to match the existing, with classroom No. 2's roof extending beyond the masonry wall towards the existing grassed banking to form part of the new covered play area. The remainder of the new covered play area will link into this, and will be formed between the two new classrooms with a free-standing steel framed structure providing the cover. This roof will also be pitched to tie in with the saw-tooth effect. Please refer to 3d image 3664/IMG/002. The recessed amenity element of the proposal (facing Scholars Row) provides a necessary external store for the covered play area. This part of the elevation, including the doors will be clad with timber to match that used on the existing building.

By continuing the faceting of classrooms around the central element of the school, the design helps to create a more appropriate façade facing the adjacent road, and relates to the curve of the site boundary.

Classroom No. 2 forms the new end to the row of classrooms and turns to face the existing Netball courts (South-West). The south-west elevation of the amenity block (facing the Netball courts) is intended to form a visual link between the existing rendered building and the new classroom. The lower half of the elevation is to be rendered to match the existing building and will wrap around on to the new classroom helping to merge existing and proposed. The upper portion of the link elevation is clad with timber, which is a feature used all around the existing building and on the new proposals.

Due to the complex nature of the existing and proposed multi-faceted designs, a set of indicative 3 dimensional drawings has been produced to help aid the understanding of the proposals.
Landscaping

Generally the landscaping visible from the boundary will be untouched. The only alterations to be made are to slightly re-model part of the grassed bank to allow for a path to run around the edge of the new building.

As part of the development it is also intended that a low level hoop and rail fence will be installed to an area of grass to provide a place for the youngest pupils to play safely.

Access

Entrance:

- The entrance to the new classrooms will be via existing routes into the new lobby.
- Double doors out to the new covered play area will be provided with level access (with nominal falls away from the threshold).
- A new secure-access single door will be provided in place of the existing external door, to allow for continued use of access to the playground.
- The doors/frames will be finished with contrasting colours to suit building regulation requirements.
- Entrance matting is to be recessed flush with the floor and of an aluminium-ribbed type not to impede movement of wheelchairs or create trip hazards.

Horizontal Circulation:

- Corridors and passageways are designed to be minimum 1800mm wide (or 1500mm wide with passing places) with level floors.
- Colour contrast of at least 20 points Light Reflectance Value (LRV) is to be provided between walls and floors, floors and ceilings.
- Colour contrast of at least 20 points Light Reflectance Value (LRV) is to be provided between door/open frames and surrounding walls, door face and leading edge to non self-closing doors and between ironmongery and doors.
- Ironmongery door handles are selected to meet the requirements of BS8300 to be operable with one hand using closed fist.
- All doors are designed to provide minimum clear opening widths, measured to the face of any protruding ironmongery, to comply with Building Regulations AD part M table 2.
- Doors on access routes are fitted with vision panels towards the leading edge to provide minimum zone of vision between 500mm and 1500mm from floor level.

Sanitary Accommodation:

- 1No. additional wheelchair accessible toilet will be provided along with 4No. Children’s toilets.

The colour scheme will be selected to ensure colour contrast of minimum 20 points LRV between floor and walls, walls and ceiling, cubicle doors and walls, sanitaryware and walls.
PLANNING OUT CRIME IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
CHECKLIST:

Northamptonshire County Council and the District and Borough Councils of Corby, Daventry, East Northamptonshire, Kettering, Northampton, South Northamptonshire and Wellingborough are committed to a programme of joint working to enhance community safety through the planning system, in partnership with Northamptonshire Police. These authorities have adopted Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) on Planning Out Crime in Northamptonshire (see overleaf for details). The SPG is a material consideration in the determination of planning applications.

This Checklist seeks to ensure that the SPG is implemented and requires applicants to consider the impact of crime and disorder on their proposals and to demonstrate that appropriate measures have been considered in accordance with the advice provided in the SPG.

This Checklist should be completed and returned if your proposal meets the criteria set out on the reverse side of this form. Please return the Checklist to the Local Planning Authority along with your completed planning application form (and any other enclosures or supporting information as necessary). Please use additional sheets for your response if required.

Planning Application No. and Description

MOUNDSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL - 2 CLASSROOM EXTENSION

Have you taken account of the advice contained in Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) on Planning Out Crime in Northamptonshire on the following matters?

Surveillance:
1. Are publicly accessible places well overlooked and appropriately lit e.g. car parks (inc. private/rear parking courts), play areas, footpaths etc?

   Yes ☑ No If no, why not

2. Does the location or type of development provide a case for the use of CCTV in the public interest, and if so is it provided?

   Yes ☑ No ☑ If no, why not

   NOT PROVIDED AS EXISTING & NO FURTHER NEED EXPECTED AS A RESULT OF THIS EXTENSION

Landscaping & Maintenance:
Has the landscape scheme been considered as an integral part of the design, with maintenance and community safety in mind?

Yes ☑ No If no, why not

No NEW LANDSCAPING.

Ownership:
Is there a clear distinction between public and private space which fosters a sense of ownership?

Yes ☑ No If no, why not

Secure boundaries:
Does the boundary treatment provide adequate security appropriate to the crime context whilst respecting the character of the local environment?

Yes ☑ No If no, why not

No NEW BOUNDARIES

Layout:
Is the layout designed to minimise risk for people using cycleways/footpaths in accordance with the advice in the SPG?

Yes ☑ No If no, why not

Certification:
If applicable, have you applied to Northamptonshire Police for a Secured by Design certificate and/or Safer Parking Award?

Yes ☑ No Secured by Design
www.securedbydesign.com

Yes ☑ No Safer Parking Award
www.securedcarparks.com

Any other comments / justification of approach taken?

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
COUNTY COUNCIL
22 DEC 2006
GROWTH MANAGEMENT
CHECKLIST CRITERIA

Applicants are required to complete and return the Checklist for only those proposals which meet the criteria set out below.

- Major developments (including applications for approval of reserved matters). See note* below for definition of "major".
- Developments likely to attract significant numbers of the public i.e. public houses, clubs, hotels, restaurants, takeaways, sporting venues etc.
- ATM machines particularly in 'out of town' sites
- Development involving new neighbourhood or district community facilities, including places of worship.
- Significant alterations or extensions to school buildings and other public buildings e.g. hospitals, government offices etc.
- Proposals that include linear paths, country parks and significant areas of open space/landscaping as part of the development.
- Farm diversification proposals that will lead to the creation of one or more industrial or commercial units in an isolated location.

NOTE*:

For the purpose of this Checklist 'major' is defined in accordance with the General Development Procedure Order 1995 as follows:

- The provision of dwelling houses where:
  - The number of dwelling houses to be provided is 10 or more; or
  - The residential development is to be carried out on a site having an area of 0.5 hectare or more and it is not known whether the development comprises 10 or more dwellings.
- The provision of non-residential development where:
  - The provision of a building or buildings where the floorspace to be created by the development is 1000 square metres or more; or
  - Development carried out on a site having an area of 1 hectare or more.

NEED A COPY OF SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE (SPG) ON PLANNING OUT CRIME IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE?

The SPG was adopted by Northamptonshire County Council in December 2003 and by the district and borough councils in January and February 2004. Copies may be made available on request from your local planning authority or can be viewed and downloaded from the County Council's website at http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/Environment/Planning/SPG/crime.htm

The SPG is also available in all public libraries in Northamptonshire.

NEED HELP OR ADVICE ON COMPLETING THIS FORM?

Please contact Northamptonshire Police on Tel: 01604 - 703548 for details of your local Crime Prevention Design Advisor who will be able to help you.