Application for planning permission of a mobile classroom

Supporting Statement for Southfield School for Girls

This year, Northamptonshire County Council has seen an unprecedented demand for secondary school places in Kettering. This has been caused by several factors including the increase in the population in the town and surrounding villages due to new housing developments and also the growth in secondary school age children created by the increased birth rate.

A large volume of late applications for secondary school places in Kettering has meant there are now insufficient places in the town to meet local demand. NCC are having to take immediate action to create 60 additional places for students who live in the area and require a school place this September; 30 at Southfield School for Girls and 30 at Kettering Science Academy.

The temporary accommodation at Southfield School for Girls is required urgently to provide additional teaching space for these students. Without this, the school will be unable to accept the additional pupils allocated to them and NCC will be unable to fulfil its statutory obligation to provide sufficient school places in the town. It will also impact on the traffic in the area, as children will have to travel outside of the town to access education. It is anticipated that there will be one additional teacher who will utilise the current car parking spaces at the school.