

Planning Application: Planning Supporting Statement

Sir George Staunton Country Park
Middle Park Way
Havant
PO9 5HB

(Leigh Park Nurseries, Petersfield Road, Havant PO9 5HB)

Retention on site of a Temporary Double Classroom - Modular Building.

Accompanying Drawings

L0060/TC/09/01 – Location and Site plan

L0060/TC/09/03 – Elevations plan

L0060/TC/09/02 – Site overview plan

Background

The Building

A double classroom (temporary modular building) with toilets, to provide additional teaching space.

The unit itself is used for teaching horticultural and gardening skills to less able students from Hampshire County Council schools and Highbury Sixth Form College. This is to educate Hampshire County Council children and prepare them for a career in the horticultural industry. The project is funded by Adult Services. The building is on the same footprint as some former military accommodation buildings dating from WWII that were removed from site in approximately 2006.

Description

The building is of single-storey modular construction comprising 5no. 3m wide x 7.8m long factory-engineered modules bolted together. Externally, the building is clad with plywood and finished with a textured paint.

Reason for retention

This double classroom is used for school visits, to provide an educational angle to those visits. As there is no other suitable building on site to accommodate this use, permission is hereby sought to retain the modular building for a further four years.

Period of Additional Period the building will be required

The building will be required for a further period of four years. It will therefore need to be retained on site until 31 August 2020.

Highways

The entrance to the site is wide and easily accommodates vehicles, with plenty of on-site parking for visitors, staff or students.

Retaining the building for a further period raises no highways issues

Environmental Protection

The building currently sits on an existing concrete slab where a previous building was removed, there is no vegetation or environmental risk.

Retaining the building for a further period raises no environmental protection issues

Landscape

The whole site generally is hidden from the road with a very robust mature hedgerow which has not been, and will not be, interfered with.

Retaining the building for a further period raises no landscaping issues

Ecology

Retaining the building for a further period raises no ecology issues

Archaeology

Retaining the building for a further period raises no archaeology issues

Access and Design

No Design and Access issues are raised by retaining the building for a further period.