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Planning Statement

Applicant	1st Purbrook Scouts
Havant BC Planning Ref	APP/22/01124
Project Title	Two shipping containers
Project Address	Purbrook Junior and Infant School, Aldermoor Road East, Waterloooville, Hampshire, PO7 5NQ.
Issue	Initial

Justification

As most people know; scouting, also known as the Scout Movement, was started in 1907 by Lieutenant-General Robert Baden-Powell, 1st Baron Baden-Powell, and is a worldwide youth movement employing the Scout method, a program of informal education with an emphasis on good citizenship, practical outdoor activities (including camping, woodcraft, aquatics, hiking and backpacking), helping others, sports and generally 'being prepared'.

A more full explanation of Scouting can be found at <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scouting>

As with all excellent youth organizations the benefits are obvious and include; promoting and ensuring good mental and physical health, teaching teamwork and leadership, promoting resourcefulness and kindness, and many other positive elements in our society.

In fact, it has often been said that if everyone had been through something like scouting, guiding or other youth organizations, and then went on to volunteering as an adult that the world would be a better place.

Usage

The two shipping containers will be used to store the camping and activity equipment owned by 1st Purbrook Scout Group. Some examples of items stored are:

Games and activity equipment such balls, pens, paper, craft items, etc.

Training equipment such as maps, ropes, poles, etc.

Camping items such as sleeping tents, mess tents catering equipment, etc.

Note - We do not store flammable items such as gas or paraffin in the containers, these are stored off site.

Access to the containers will be as follows:

1. Term time Monday evenings when the Group is meeting at Purbrook Junior School as follows:

- When the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are at the school, there may be an occasion to retrieve some activity equipment from one of the containers.
- This access will be intermittent and will depend on what activities are being undertaken that evening.
- Adults will already be on site, so no additional traffic will be generated.

2. Occasional Friday evenings and Saturday mornings to retrieve camping equipment such as:

- The Scouts go camping (approximately times 3 or 4 times a year) and it will be necessary to access the containers to retrieve equipment.
- For a weekend camp, this is likely to be early Friday evening
- For a week's summer camp, this is likely to be a Saturday morning.

Screening

Fortunately the both containers are dark green (RAL 6007 – please see below) and therefore should blend into the environment more or less immediately. Once in position they will be screened by evergreen shrubs and such like to soften their appearance and eventually screen them from view.



It should be noted that until the adult volunteers cleared the proposed location of the containers that it was a forgotten and far from attractive part of the school grounds that it was very overgrown with brambles, briars and nettles. Once the 1st Purbrook Scouts have the containers in place it will be maintained and kept looking pleasant.