



Planning Application: Planning Supporting Statement

Trosnant Infant & Junior Schools

Trosnant Infant School
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VALID APPLICATION

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STRATEGIC PLANNING
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Provision of a Temporary Double Classroom - Modular Buildings

P10990-101 Rev A - Proposed Location Plan
P10990-102 Rev A - Proposed Site Plan
P10990-103 Rev A - Existing Site Plan
P10990-201 Rev A - GA & Elevations

Background

Need for additional Pupil places.

Hampshire County Council through its Children's Service Department has a statutory duty to ensure sufficient school places exist within Hampshire's maintained schools. The County Council seeks to exercise this function in partnership with dioceses, governing bodies of schools, head teachers, local communities and other key stakeholders. The need for school places changes in response to population movements and birth rate variations. Increases in demand can lead to the creation of a new school or the expansion of existing schools by adding permanent or temporary accommodation.

Temporary accommodation will only be used where the demand for increased school places is limited to a short period of time or, where it provides additional accommodation for a school subject to the completion of a permanent expansion of its facilities. Where temporary accommodation is used every effort is made to ensure it is on site for the shortest time possible, this maybe two to three years.

The School Places framework for 2012-2016 was approved by the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services on 6th December 2012. This document acknowledges the fact that there is in Hampshire, as there is nationally, a significant rise in the birth rate over the last 10 years. This, coupled with migration into the County has increased the pressure on infant, primary and junior school place numbers.

This impact is not evenly spread across the County, and there is a need to accommodate the demand where it arises based on the fact that:

- Parents have a right to choose the school their children attend.
- They express their preferences in November.
- Their preferences are analysed in January.
- Where the demand in an area exceeds the existing provision, there is a need to deploy additional buildings to accommodate new starters for the following September.

Modular Buildings

This is a very short time span in which to deploy buildings, and to achieve this it is necessary to deploy some buildings of Modular Construction either to accommodate short term demands (i.e. a bulge year going through a school), or to provide a temporary solution whilst a permanent building is designed and constructed.

Modern Modular Buildings are constructed to a much higher standard than 'Temporary' and 'Terrapin' type buildings of the past. They comply with the same Building Regulations Standards as a building of Traditional construction, but offer some advantages in rapid deployment and mobility (they can be taken apart and relocated)

Pupil numbers

The school at present has 180 pupils enrolled, and this is set to increase by 60 pupils in 2015/2016. The temporary classrooms will allow the school to expand whilst a permanent solution is considered.

The building proposed for this site.

This development consists of a single storey unit comprising of a number of factory built bays delivered to site on lorries, craned into position, and then bolted and secured together to form a building positioned to the rear of the school site measuring L 18.100m x W 8.500m x H 3.280m.

Site Area: 3.65 hectares
Development Area: 683.3m²
Building Area: 154m²

It would be normal to deliver the sections of the building within two days. The completion of the construction and fitting out then takes around six weeks.

The building will have a shallow pitched roof and will be clad with Plastisol colour coated steel panels.

The building is not attached to the school, but is on the same site. It will be located on the existing grass fields to the rear of the school. The fire alarm, foul and surface water drainage, water supply, gas and services will be linked to those of the main school building. The building will be required for a period of 3 years.

Highways

Following consultation with the school, it was decided that the building was best sited as shown on the submitted plans. This included a school survey monitoring the movement of parents and children when being dropped off and picked up.

The temporary classroom will enable the school to expand whilst a permanent solution is considered.

With regards to the new 'Onsite Parking Standards for Staff', which have recently been adopted it would be appropriate to provide an additional car space to accommodate a new member of full-time staff however the school have confirmed there will be no new members of staff.

There are currently 75 car parking spaces. 49 spaces for staff members and 26 spaces for visitors/parents, including 2 disabled spaces. This was considered sufficient therefore no additional parking spaces will be required.

School Travel Plan

Survey type	Month	Year	Walk (No.)	Cycle (No.)	Bus/Taxi (No.)	Train (No.)	Car alone (No.)	Car share (No.)	Other (No.)	No. of pupils in survey
School Census	March	2014	110	1	4	0	26	25	0	166
			Walk%	Cycle%	Bus/Taxi%	Train%	Car alone%	Car share%	Other%	
			66.3	0.6	2.4	0	15.7	15	0	

2104/2103 Trosnant Infant and Junior Schools STP. "The County Council's School Travel Planning team will be working with the school to develop a full School Travel Plan, once commissioned by Property Services, which will accompany the planning application for permanent expansion in 2017. This will involve full engagement and consultation with the whole school community so as to fully identify and address outstanding and potential travel and transport issues, in relation to the school journey and the possible highways implications of the increase in school numbers.

This meets with the agreed process with Highways Development Planning where a modular is supporting a longer term expansion.

Environmental Protection

The Arboriculture Team have been consulted to ensure that no trees of value (rarity or maturity TPO's etc.) are affected or removed.

Landscape

There is no alteration to the existing school boundary.

The temporary modular building is to be sited on the existing school fields to the rear of the site which provides good access to the school facilities and services. The temporary building will be transported through main entrance with no changes being made to the main entrance. A internal fence will then need to be temporarily removed so access to school fields can be made also track way will be put down in order to protect the grass. This means the lorries will be able to access the location of the new temporary building.

Archaeology

The County Archaeologist has been consulted and they have replied explaining that there are no known areas of archaeological interest within the areas that are affected by this new building.

Ecology

An ecological desktop assessment was carried out including an analysis of aerial imagery of the site and search for designated sites and protected species within 0.5km of the site.

No designated sites occur within 0.5km of the site. There are several records of bats within the search area.

The proposed location for the temporary classroom would be on the school field which is most likely to comprise amenity grassland of negligible conservation value.

No ecological constraints have been identified by this desk-based assessment and further ecological input is not considered to be necessary.

Access and Design

A Design and Access Statement has been provided with this application.

The building is located within the school site. It is separate from the main school building and will have stepped access.