

Riders Infant School
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Provision of pre-school nursery modular temporary building

Background

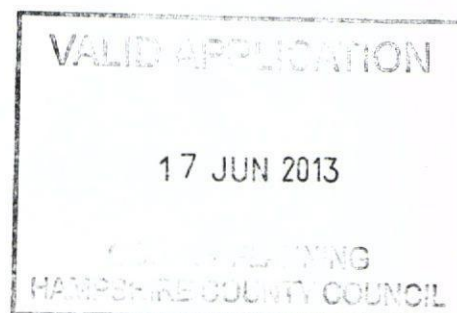
Need for additional Pupil places.

Hampshire County Council, as the Local Education Authority, has a statutory obligation to ensure there are sufficient school places for those wishing to start school each September.

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 chose 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 (ie 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)

Riders Infant School : Increase in Pupil numbers

Riders Infant School is required to increase the numbers on roll in September 2013. The school at present has 175 pupils enrolled and this will increase by an additional 30 in September. To allow this to happen the Phoenix Pre-School Nursery now located in the main building, will be relocated in a purpose built pre-school nursery modular building shown on the drawing - P10275 Location/100 REV A. This will free up space in the main school building which will facilitate the increase in school numbers, the school would re-programme the use of their accommodation to receive these new starters in the main building. This is also required in order to accommodate an increase of 0-2 children's pre-school nursery provision which is again required from September 2013. The planning permission would be required until 31 August 2017.

The Phoenix Pre-School Nursery is based at Riders Infant School, they are an outstanding childcare provider and currently have a waiting list of local eligible children. The location of the School is predicted to have a large growth in population, hence the Infant School expansion, this together with a large number of 2 year olds who are eligible for free education and the existing 3 and 4 year olds in the catchment area. In order to provide adequate, locally accessible and quality childcare, the setting requires expansion to cater for 50+ children which will include a minimum of 20 places for vulnerable 2 year olds. The layout of the new building allows for quality provision with separated areas and appropriate toilet, change, kitchen and office facilities. Externally the Pre-school will have secure play space.

The building proposed for this site.

This is a single storey unit comprising a number of factory built bays delivered to site on lorries, craned into position, and then bolted and secured together to form a single building which, in this case will be L 24m x W 10.8m x H 3.60m.

It would be normal to deliver the sections of the building on one day. The completion of the construction and fitting out then takes around two weeks.

The building will have a shallow pitched roof and will be clad with Plastisol colour coated panels – detailed on the attached plans/ elevation drawings - P10275-Location/100 REV A.

The building is not attached to the school, but is on the same site. In addition to the actual building, there will be associated tarmac footpaths. Drainage and services will be linked to those of the main school building. The building will be required until 31 August 2017.

Highways

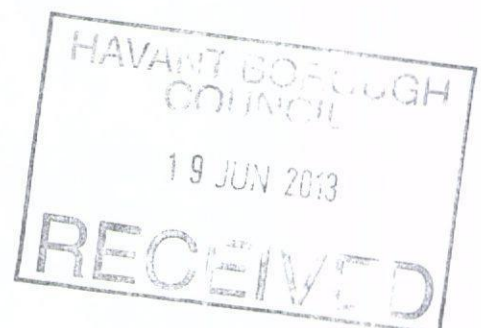
Following consultation with the school, it was decided that the building was best sited as shown on the attached plan P10275 Location/100 REV A. This included a school survey monitoring the movement of parents and children when being dropped off and picked up.

The increase in pupils will require 2 additional full-time teachers and 5 additional part-time learning support assistant. The school currently has a total of 40 staff car parking spaces 2 disabled spaces and 13 visitors spaces. As part of this application we will not be providing any additional car parking provision.

With regards to the new 'Onsite Parking Standards for Staff', which have recently been adopted.

'Where viable' it would be appropriate to provide an additional car space to accommodate a new member of full-time staff. Riders Infants have a more than adequate number off car parking spaces available in relation to the new parking guidelines.

The additional members of staff will be accommodated within the onsite car park, and this will be managed by the school. The 50+ place pre-school nursery modular is a temporary solution to the urgent need for September 2013.



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. No trees have been removed or will be removed as part of this project.

Ecology have been informed of the project.

Landscape

The existing internal fencing will be altered to accommodate the new building and ensure that safeguarding requirements continue to be met.

There is no alteration to the existing school boundary.

The temporary modular is to be sited partly on the existing Pre-School Nursery playground and on the shared Infants and Juniors playing field which can be seen in the attached plan P10275 Location/100 REV A.

Ecology and 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.

There are no known ecological issues in the area. There are no ponds or school ecological areas on the site of the new building or in proximity to this building.

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 it's own level access path and entrance steps.

Access for pushchairs and prams etc will be accommodated on the existing pathway and via ramped access to the front of the modular shown in P10275 Location/100 REV A.