

Planning application supporting statement

Staunton Country Park

Leigh Park Nurseries, Sir George Staunton Country Park, Petersfield Road, Havant PO9 5HB
Planning Application 09/50300/031, Application for extension to 31 August 2015

Background

On 12 March 2009, Havant Borough Council approved Planning Application 09/50300/031 for the provision of 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 being funded by Adult Services. The building is on the same footprint as some very old ex-military accommodation buildings left over from the war that were removed from site approximately six years ago. Social Services has always intended to replace them but finances have not been available until now.

Buildings & Plant

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

Highways

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

Environmental Protection

The building currently sits on an existing concrete slab where a previous building has been removed, there is no vegetation or any environmental risk at all.

Landscape

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

Ecology

There are no known ecological issues within the area.

Archaeology

No known archaeological findings are in the area.

VALID APPLICATION

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Access and Design

The building is used for semi-adult *services?* in the last years of their educational careers. The building itself has a disabled access to the front entrance and the front doors have been converted to fire doors to prevent an internal doors upgrade to half fire doors. The rear doors have more secure bolts and are not used for disabled access in the event of a fire.