
Note

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Subject: WRE047 – HCC 2012/0132 – Winnall Primary School, Garbett Road, Winchester

Thank you for your consultation on the current planning application at the above site. The application is to supply, deliver and erect one double modular temporary classroom to provide two extra general teaching spaces. The proposal responds to an increase in local pupil demand, and is required to be in place prior to the start of the 2012 academic year.

Winnall Primary School is an existing school which can accommodate up to 240 pupils, albeit in recent years the school has provided education to a school role of around 130 pupils. The school is located within an urban environment with good opportunities to access the school on foot. The catchment of the Primary School is primarily contained to the Winnall Estate or within the surrounding residential areas, and as such there is significant potential for pupils to walk to school. The Travel Plan submitted with the application identified that around 80% of pupils walk to school, with the remainder being driven to school.

There are currently 16 full-time employees at the school site, and 6 part-time employees. The proposed development will increase the level of staff at the school by 2 further full-time employees. The Travel Plan for the school conducted a staff travel survey which identified that the majority of teaching staff drive to work, as a result of living some distance from the school. Only 2 of the teaching staff walk / cycle to school. However, and in contrast, the survey found that the majority of the learning support and administration staff walk to the school as a result of living locally.

The proposal to deliver a new temporary modular classroom does not propose any increase in the number of car parking spaces provided on-site. There are currently 12 car parking spaces on site.

A visit of the school site has identified that the current car parking provision on-site is limited and there are no obvious opportunities for enhanced parking provision on the site. At the time of the visit, 11 of the 12 car parking spaces were in use, and in addition there were 2 further cars parked informally on the school access road. The roads surrounding the school site are residential in nature, and Garbett Road itself has

numerous opportunities for informal parking. It is considered that whilst the proposed development which will result in 2 further employees will add to the parking pressures on the school site, any overspill parking could be provided for by parking opportunities on local roads without detriment to road safety. The Travel Plan should be used as a tool to encourage staff to travel to this site more sustainably where opportunities exist, or to share car journeys where possible.

The development would be completed within the summer school holiday period and as such would avoid disruption and safety concerns during the construction period.

Recommendation

I raise **no objections** to the current planning application from a highways and transportation perspective.

Should you wish to discuss this matter, please contact me.