

**Hampshire County Council  
Director of Economy, Transport & Environment**

**Applicant: Hampshire County Council**

**Supply Deliver and erect one double modular temporary classroom to provide Two extra general teaching spaces at Harestock Infant School, Bramshaw Close, Winchester Hampshire SO22 6LU (No. 12/01144/HCS)**

**(Received: 2 May 2012)**

### **General**

The classroom is needed to provide accommodation for an increase in pupil admission numbers expected in September 2012. A temporary time period of four years has been requested.

### **Development Plan**

Winchester District Local Plan Review Adopted July 2006 shows the site as existing school development within the built up area of Winchester. The relevant Policy is DP3 (General Design Criteria) and paragraph 72 of the National Planning Policy Framework (Published 27 March 2012).

### **Consultations**

**Councillor Bailey** has been consulted but not responded.

**Highway Authority** has no objection subject to condition.

**Winchester City Council** no objection.

**Littleton & Harestock Parish Council** has no objection but comments on the existing vegetation on site.

### **Commentary**

The Highways Authority comments and request for conditions are noted, however, the classroom is a minor installation and only requested for a temporary period. There have been no objections received by local residents on highway safety or amenity grounds and it is expected that in the event of any traffic concerns arising from this development, these will be dealt with appropriately on site by the school.

However, it is recommended by condition that the school update their travel plan in order to review and manage the possible new journeys associated with an increase in pupil numbers.

Littleton & Harestock Parish Council have commented on the existing vegetation on site and the screening it provides from a local footpath, however, the classroom is only temporary and within the large school campus that also benefits from a large field area. In addition, the school places are needed but there is no teaching space within the context of the main building and this is a key consideration when considering the merits of this application.

Overall, it is considered that there are no significant environmental or amenity impacts associated with this application and the teaching spaces are necessary to meet the educational needs of the local community. Therefore, temporary planning permission subject to conditions is recommended.

**Recommendation**

That temporary permission be granted subject to the following reason for approval and conditions:

**Reason for Approval**

1. It is considered that the proposal would be in accordance with the development plan Winchester District Local Plan Review Adopted July 2006 (summary attached) policy DP3 (General Design Criteria) and would not materially harm the character of the area or the amenity of local residents and would be acceptable in terms of highway safety and convenience. It will supply essential educational provision as required by paragraph 72 of the National Planning Policy Framework (Published 27 March 2012).

**Conditions**

**Time Limits**

1. The development hereby permitted shall be for a limited period only, expiring on 31 August 2016 or when the education use ceases, whichever is the sooner. At the expiration of this period the building shall be removed and the land reinstated to its former condition as soon as possible.

Reason: To comply with Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and to secure the visual amenity of the locality, as the building is not considered suitable for permanent retention.

2. Within three months of occupation of the development a review of the School Travel Plan should be undertaken to include measures to address the additional trips to be made as a result of the permitted development. This review shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority and once approved shall be thereafter implemented.

Reason: To minimise congestion and parking on the highway

**Case Officer** .....

**Katherine Snell**

**Date**...13/06/2012.....

**Authorised on behalf of the Director of the Economy, Transport & Environment**

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**Richard Read**

**Date**...13/06/2012.....

**Annexe to Reason for Condition**  
**(as required by Article 22 of the Town and Country Planning**  
**(General Procedure) Order 1995 – as amended)**

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**National Planning Policy Framework (Published 27 March 2012)**

**8. Promoting healthy communities**

72. The Government attaches great importance to ensuring that a sufficient choice of school places is available to meet the needs of existing and new communities. Local planning authorities should take a proactive, positive and collaborative approach to meeting this requirement, and to development that will widen choice in education. They should:

- give great weight to the need to create, expand or alter schools; and
- work with schools promoters to identify and resolve key planning issues before applications are submitted.

**Winchester district local plan review adopted July 2006**

**Policy DP3 (General Design Criteria).**

Development which accords with other relevant policies of this Plan will be permitted, provided it (inter-alia):

- (i) makes efficient and effective use of land or buildings;
- (ii) in terms of design, scale and layout, responds positively to the character, appearance and variety of the local environment;
- (iii) does not have an unacceptable adverse impact on adjoining land, use or property.