

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

**Applicant: Hampshire County Council**

**Application for continued siting of a single temporary classroom (Ref 710257) for a further 7 years at Marchwood Junior School, Main Road Marchwood, Southampton SO40 4ZH (No. 12/99189)**

**(Received: 30 August 2012)**

### **General**

Since the application was submitted, the agent (on behalf of the school) has requested that the time period be extended to seven years. This is because the school wish for a longer retention period as they are going to spend some money on improvements to the unit.

### **Development Plan**

New Forest District Council (outside the National Park) Core Strategy: Adopted 26<sup>th</sup> October 2009 shows this site to be within the boundaries of the existing school in the built-up area of Marchwood. This proposal accords with Policy CS8 (Community Services and Infrastructure).

### **Consultations**

**Councillor Harrison** comments that “whilst I support this application, I would much sooner see a more permanent facility constructed on site”.

**Marchwood Parish Council** had no objection to the retention of the classroom for a four year period and will need to take the seven year proposal back to their committee for consideration.

**New Forest District Council** has made no objection at their planning committee.

### **Commentary**

The building is a temporary unit, so not suitable for permanent retention and the necessary full planning permission. However, as the building is in good repair and will be receiving an amount of investment, it is felt that a slightly longer period of seven years can be given as the time limit.

There are no significant adverse amenity or environmental impacts associated with the proposal, therefore temporary planning permission is recommended.

### **Recommendation**

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

**Reasons for Approval**

1. It is considered that the proposal would be in accordance with the New Forest District Council Core Strategy, (summary attached), as it will provide education accommodation in accordance with Policy CS8 (Community services and infrastructure) 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.

**Conditions**

Time Limits

1. The development hereby permitted shall be for a limited period only, expiring on 31 October 2019 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.

**Case Officer** .....  
**Katherine Snell**

**Date**...16/10/2012.....

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

.....P Chadwick.....

**Date**.....16/10/2012.....

**Annexe to Reason for Condition**  
**(as required by Article 31 of the Town and Country Planning**  
**(Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010)**

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**New Forest District Council (outside the National Park) Core Strategy (Adopted 26<sup>th</sup> October 2009).**

**Policy CS8 Community services and infrastructure**

New Forest District Council will work with service and infrastructure providers with the aim of ensuring the delivery of adequate infrastructure and services, (Chapter 10 and the Delivery Plan) to serve existing and proposed development in the Plan Area and support the local economy, ensuring that any adverse impacts arising are minimised, and that decisions on the provision of such infrastructure are taken on the basis of environmental sustainability as well as cost. Attention will be given to addressing the needs of areas of particular social deprivation.

Proposals for new and improved health care, education and social facilities that result in improvements in meeting the needs of the Plan Area's population will be supported. These facilities should be well related to public transport infrastructure, and should provide high standards of accessibility to all sectors of the community. In rural communities and other areas with poor public transport, support will be given to innovative schemes to secure the local delivery of public services. Delivery of some services through the use of mobile services and technology will be encouraged where this results in better local provision.

There will be a presumption against any development that involves the loss of education, health, social and other publicly provided community services, except where it is part of a service provider's plans to provide improved local services in equally accessible locations.

Suitable alternative uses, and environmental improvements, will be sought for major built infrastructure that has reached the end of its useful life (including Fawley Power Station if it should be decommissioned).