

Clipston Primary School
Proposed Mobile Building

Design and Access Statement

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COUNTY COUNCIL

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GROWTH MANAGEMENT

Design:

Use

The building will be used for general teaching in conjunction with the existing accommodation within the school site.

Size

The proposed development consists of a single storey mobile building of 139m². This development sits within a total site of 0.548ha. The amount of proposed development will therefore not vastly affect the appearance of the existing site, and indeed will sit behind an existing single storey mobile building and will therefore be screened from the listed building.

Layout

The layout of the site is existing, and therefore has been somewhat predetermined, however, the location of the mobile building is at the rear of the site furthest away from the listed building. Whilst minimising the impact on the listed building it will not affect access by the building users.

Scale

The design of the mobile building is of standard single storey construction, the height of which is approximately 3.3m. The overall scale is such that it will not be intrusive when compared with the existing building.

Landscape

The mobile will be sited on part of the open grass area adjoining the school playground. No trees will be felled nor the boundary hedges disturbed. These in particular do form quite a significant aesthetic feature of the site. The intention is not to alter the landscape of the site other than the immediate footprint of the mobile.

All main services are existing on site and will be connected to the mobile by underground means, thus having no visual impact. There will be no additional lighting or signage as this is unnecessary.

Appearance

The proposed building is of standard single storey mobile classroom construction. The elevations are perpendicular surmounted by a very low pitch roof. The roof is finished in black felt with a small overhang, discharging rainwater into a black PVC gutter and down pipes. The height of the walls is approximately 3.3m from ground level. They are refinished in a stippled weatherproof coating, all painted in dark green (12 B 25) colour. All windows and doors have white uPVC frames and are double glazed in clear float glass. A wooden slatted skirt is fitted between ground and floor level. The slats being horizontal and all painted in a dark brown colour to compliment the walls. An access ramp is fitted. This is constructed of timber and has solid wooden balustrades and wooden handrails. The ramp and balustrade are refinished in a dark brown painted finish to compliment the buildings walls. The handrails are painted white.

Access:

The building design takes account of:-

<u>Approach</u>	Within the limits of the site the mobile has been positioned to create ease of access whilst maintaining an aesthetically pleasing look blending in with the adjacent building.
<u>Parking</u>	Not applicable.
<u>Entrances</u>	Access to the site is as existing with no need for any alterations. Specific access to the mobile will be via a ramped pathway ensuring that the building complies with the Disability Discrimination Act requirements and Part M of the Building Regulations.
<u>Horizontal and Vertical circulation</u>	The horizontal circulation within the mobile has been carefully planned to accommodate all users regardless of disability. Vertical circulation is not applicable for this single storey building.
<u>Access to all Services</u>	Internally the mobile has been carefully laid-out to maximise use. All facilities (toilets, teaching spaces, circulation areas etc) are logistically placed in relation to each other.
<u>Emergency Egress</u>	The design of the mobile will ensure and assist evacuation should an emergency need occur. All travel routes have been carefully planned and emergency exit options are numerous. Evacuation planning will be recorded and regularly tested by the occupiers.

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