Planning Application: Planning Supporting Statement (Renewal)

Wildern School

Wildern School
Wildern Lane
Hedge End
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Variation of Condition to allow retention of Four Temporary Double Classrooms

Accompanying Drawings

Location Plan – 41270 - 100
Site Layout – 41270 – 200 and 41270 - 201
GA and Elevations – 41270 -301, 41270 – 302, 41270 – 303 and 41270 – 304

Background

Need for additional Pupil places.

Hampshire County Council through its Children's Service Department has a statutory duty to ensure sufficient school places exist within Hampshire's maintained schools. The County Council seeks to exercise this function in partnership with dioceses, governing bodies of schools, head teachers, local communities and other key stakeholders. The need for school places changes in response to population movements and birth rate variations. Increases in demand can lead to the creation of a new school or the expansion of existing schools by adding permanent or temporary accommodation.

The School Places framework for 2016-2019 was approved by the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services on 20 January 2016. This document acknowledges the fact that there is in Hampshire, as there is nationally, a significant rise in the birth rate over the last 10 years. This, coupled with migration into the County has increased the pressure on infant, primary and junior school place numbers.

This impact is not evenly spread across the County, and there is a need to accommodate the demand where it arises based on the fact that:

- Parents have a right to choose the school their children attend.
- They express their preferences in November.
- Their preferences are analysed in January.
- Where the demand in an area exceeds the existing provision, there is a need to deploy additional buildings to accommodate new starters for the following September.

- The demand for places is not wholly predictable and thus at some schools it becomes necessary to retain temporary accommodation for longer than originally planned. This may be due to sustained high demand for pupil places or unavoidable delays in providing a permanent expansion of the school.

Increase in Pupil numbers

Retaining the buildings for a further period will not increase the number of pupils on roll above the existing level.

Period of Additional Period the building will be required

The buildings will be required for a further period of six years. They will therefore need to be retained on site until 31 December 2022. By 2022 a planned new secondary school should be open which will allow a reduction in pupils at Wildern School.

Highways

Retaining the buildings for a further period raises no highways issues

Environmental Protection

Retaining the buildings for a further period raises no environmental protection issues

Landscape

Retaining the buildings for a further period raises no landscaping issues

Ecology

Retaining the buildings for a further period raises no ecology issues

Archaeology

Retaining the buildings for a further period raises no archaeology issues

Access and Design

No Design and Access issues are raised by retaining the buildings for a further period.