
**STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF
A TEMPORARY PLANNING PERMISSION FOR THE SITING,
INSTALLATION AND USE OF THE RELOCATABLE UNIT AT
BLACKTHORNS COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL, 3 BLACKTHORNS CLOSE,
LINDFIELD, WEST SUSSEX, RH16 2UA**

1.0 Proposal

A temporary relocatable technology block providing an additional teaching classbase, together with associated space for storage and circulation. A maximum temporary planning permission period of 5 years is sought for the siting and school use of this relocatable classroom unit.

2.0 Education Background

The relocatable unit E1051 was installed on site due to the rapid rise of pupil numbers. The Education Policy at this time addressed the immediate need to provide “roofs over heads” by the provision of relocatable classrooms. Occasionally, relocatable units may be installed to address a short-term need whilst permanent construction is being undertaken or if there is a fluctuating pupil roll over a short period of time.

West Sussex County Council has a rolling programme to replace (with permanent buildings) relocatable units on school sites, prioritised against the County’s Asset Management Plan data for each school. This relocatable classroom unit has not been included, as yet, within the County Councils replacement programme as this particular unit is considered low priority when compared to the age/condition of other relocatable units situated on other school sites across the County.

3.0 Justification

The relocatable unit is required on this site to continue to provide the teaching space necessary to deliver the national curriculum. It is not possible to include this particular unit within the County Council’s replacement programme as it is considered low priority when compared to the age and condition of other relocatable units situated on other school sites across the County.

The school has 210 pupils on roll as of September 2024. The relocatable accommodation is essential as projections indicate that over the next 3 years pupil numbers in the school will not decrease, therefore, the relocatable block is required to continue to provide adequate teaching accommodation for the pupils.

Pupil number projections:			
2024	2025	2026	2027
210	210	210	210