STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF A TEMPORARY PLANNING PERMISSION FOR THE SITING, INSTALLATION AND USE OF THE RELOCATABLE UNIT AT OAK GROVE COLLEGE, THE BOULEVARD, WORTHING, WEST SUSSEX, BN13 1JX

1.0 Proposal

A temporary relocatable unit providing 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 double unit E1312 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 Council's 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.

Projections indicate that pupil numbers in the school will remain consistent and therefore, the relocatable unit is required to continue to provide adequate teaching accommodation for the pupils.

4.0 Associated Works

This application is for renewal only and therefore there are no associated works required.

5.0 Contacts

Should you require any further assistance in respect of the content of this supporting statement submission please contact the appropriate officer.

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It is understood that this planning application will be considered under the Regulation 3 Procedure as it relates to development by the County Council. The details of the application will therefore be fully considered and subsequently determined by the County Council's Planning Services (Development Control) Group.