STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF A TEMPORARY PLANNING PERMISSION FOR THE CONTINUED SITING AND USE OF THE RELOCATABLE UNIT AT HERONS DALE PRIMARY SCHOOL, HAWKINS CRESCENT, SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, WEST SUSSEX, BN43 6TN

1.0 Proposal

The continued siting and use of a modular classroom to the south of the school grounds to serve the needs of pupils at the school. No increase in pupil numbers is proposed. A maximum temporary planning permission period of **5 years** is sought for the continued siting and school use of this relocatable classroom unit.

2.0 Education Background

The relocatable unit was installed on site due to the urgent need to provide additional specialist places for young people with Special Educational Needs (SEND) that need a separate space for effective learning and to ensure the health and safety of staff and pupils. There is an ongoing need to retain the unit to ensure placements at Herons Dale Primary School. If the places are not retained, this would result in children with SEND being placed in independent special schools a long way from home.

3.0 Justification

The relocatable unit is required on this site to continue to provide the teaching space necessary to deliver the national curriculum and to ensure the retention of these places to meet the ongoing need for specialist SEND places. It is not currently possible to replace this unit with traditional construction within the capital funding available to support the provision of specialist SEND school places.

Projections indicate that the need for specialist places at Herons Dale Primary School will continue as is the picture nationally. The relocatable unit is therefore 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.