STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE CONTINUED SITING AND USE OF THE RELOCATABLE CLASSROOM UNIT, AND TO REGULARISE CHANGES TO THE APPROVED BUILDING DESIGN AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE AT PALATINE PRIMARY SCHOOL, PALATINE ROAD, WORTHING, WEST SUSSEX, BN12 6JP

1.0 Proposal

The continued siting and use of a temporary relocatable unit providing two teaching class-bases, together with associated space for storage, toilets and circulation. A maximum temporary planning permission period **for a further 5 years** is sought for the continued siting and school use of this relocatable classroom unit to ensure the retention of current capacity to meet the ongoing need for specialist SEND places (no increase in pupil numbers is proposed). Condition 1 of the extant permission WSCC/006/23 currently requires the removal of the classroom unit on or before 21 August 2025. A variation of this condition seeking a further 5 years until 21 August 2030 is therefore sought.

Permission is also sought to regularise changes to the approved development which took place during the original construction phase in 2021. These changes included moving the building slightly east and amendments to the associated hard landscaping and access ramps (due to the need to avoid tree roots, to facilitate accessibility, and with the specification of permeable surfacing) and minor changes to the final design and layout of the building (due to supplier availability). A variation of the approved plans specified by Condition 2 of WSCC/006/23 is therefore sought as follows:

Approved Plan	**To be replaced with**
General Arrangement (Ref. 5199646, Drawing No.002, Dated18/01/2021)	Plan and Elevations (Ref. HD/12150/01 Rev A)
Site Plan (Received 24/01/2023)	Layout Plan (Ref. S4.002.A, Dated 25/06/21)

2.0 Education Background

The relocatable unit was originally installed on site in 2021 on a temporary basis to provide teaching space during the construction of a new 4 class teaching block. Upon completion of the new 4 class block, the need for specialist places had increased significantly resulting in the need to retain the unit on the Palatine site to meet the increased demand for specialist places. The retention of the unit will ensure the retention of current pupil places and without the relocatable unit, the capacity of the school would be reduced by 16 places. All Special Schools in West Sussex are full and therefore this would result in 16 West Sussex specialist places being lost with placements having to be found outside of West Sussex.

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 meet the ongoing need for specialist places.

4.0 Associated Works

This application is seeking an extension to the period of time for the existing unit to remain on site and to regularise amendments to the approved development that took place during construction in 2021. There are **no new associated works proposed**.

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.