Development Management - Delegated Officer Report

Application Number: AWDM/0609/24 Recommendation – Approve

Site: Shoreham Academy, 76 Kingston Lane, Shoreham-By-Sea

Proposal: Extension of permission for a double classroom temporary block, sited on the Shoreham Academy site in the service yard, previously approved under AWDM/1238/21, for a further 6 years.

Date of site visit: Assessed using Google Maps and previous knowledge of site, plus applicant's photos

Neighbours checked: Y

Additional neighbour notifications: N

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application proposes to retain a double mobile classroom unit within a service yard on the east side of Shoreham Academy, in front of the school's energy centre building. Permission is sought for a 6 year period this time.

In support of the application the applicant has advised that the classroom block is still heavily used by students with additional learning and emotional needs. It is not used by the community in the evenings. Classes can start earlier and finish later than those in the main school building.

Relevant Planning History

AWDM/1238/21 - Installation of a double classroom mobile unit to the south side of the current Academy Service yard – approved for 3 years, expiring 6 August 2024

Consultations

Adur and Worthing Councils: The **Environmental Health** Officer**:** No adverse comments

Representations

None received

Relevant Planning Policies

Adur Local Plan 2017 Policy 15, 33
National Planning Policy Framework (2023)

Planning Assessment

Principle

Policy 33 supports improvements to social and community facilities.

The relevant issues are the effects on the amenities of neighbouring residential occupiers and the effect on the character and appearance of the area.

Visual amenity

The classroom units are well located, close to existing buildings and some distance from any boundaries. They do not have an adverse visual impact.

Residential amenity

The classroom units are some distance from any residential boundaries. They do not have an adverse impact on the amenities of neighbouring residents.

Parking and Access

Some rearrangement of minibus parking has been necessary and up to 4 car parking spaces have been lost for the duration of the temporary period.

The applicant has previously explained:

"In terms of the parking, we have four minibuses. We have space to create two new spaces in an unused part of the service yard. The other two minibuses will be parked in current car parking spaces in the service yard that are adjacent to the school building. The plan is to convert 3 car park bays to two minibus bays while the classroom is located there. There is nowhere else on site we can easily recreate the few car parking spaces we've lost. We are continuing to promote cycling to work for staff, car sharing and have increased our cycle shed capacities and take up of cycle to work schemes over the past few years."

On this basis, and given the temporary nature of the proposal, it is not anticipated that the proposal will result in significant parking problems.

Recommendation

APPROVE

Subject to Conditions:-

1. Approved Plans
2. Temp 6 year permission

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation? N

The Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by assessing the proposal against all material considerations, including planning policies and any representations that may have been received and subsequently determining to grant planning

permission in accordance with the presumption in favour of sustainable development, as set out within the National Planning Policy Framework.

Case Officer:	Peter Barnett	Date: 6 June 2024
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