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STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF A TEMPORARY PLANNING PERMISSION FOR THE USE OF ONE RELOCATABLE CLASSROOM UNIT AT HERONS DALE SPECIAL SCHOOL, HAWKINS CRESCENT, SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, BN43 6TN

1. Proposal

A single temporary relocatable unit providing teaching storage space on site. A temporary planning permission period of five years is sought for the siting and school use of this relocatable classroom unit.

2. Education Background

The relocatable unit (E648) was installed on site during 1999 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. Relocatable units are no longer installed at any West Sussex maintained school if there is a permanent need for additional accommodation. 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 LAs 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.

Over the last five years, the following units have been removed/installed on school sites (based on Annual Commitment Record data).

	Adur		Arun		Chichester		Crawley		Horsham		Mid Sussex		Worthing	
	R	I	R	I	R	I	R	I	R	I	R	I	R	I
2003/04	1	0	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0
2004/05	0	0	3	0	2	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	1
2005/06	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0
2006/07	0	0	3	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	3	0
2007/08	9*	1#	3	0	3	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	2	0
TOTAL	**10**	**1**	**19**	**0**	**7**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**6**	**0**	**21**	**2**	**8**	**1**

*Including two doubles, one quad and one HORSA.
#Sixth Form "village" at Kings Manor Community College to enable the change from a three tier to two-tier system. Not replaced in permanent accommodation due to plans to close the school and rebuild as an Academy.

3. Justification

The relocatable unit is required on this site to continue to provide the space for teaching storage until funds are available to replace this unit with a permanent build.

Parental preference is a contributing factor in special school place planning across the County and the Special Educational Needs team, within the Learning Service, regularly monitors this.

The school currently has 75 pupils on roll out of 65 planned places for pupils between 4 and 11 years of age. The continued use of the relocatable unit rather than replacement with permanent accommodation is due to budgetary constraints and competing priorities within the Capital Programme to provide permanent stock. With the increase in pupil numbers the hut will be used for teaching in the September 2013

4. Associated Works

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

5. 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 to be fully considered and subsequently determined by the County Council's Planning Services (Development Control) Group.