DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT

Installation of a Classroom Mobile to be situated on Almeley Primary School site in Almeley, Herefordshire.

Introduction

This Design & Access Statement (DAS) accompanies an application for a new classroom mobile unit to be sited at Almeley Primary School, Herefordshire. The DAS has been written to meet the requirements of Article 4C of the Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995 (as amended).

Due to the small scale of the proposed development the extent of social and economic considerations are limited.

Design Principles and Concepts

Use

The proposed structure is intended for use as a single classroom unit in order to Provide additional teaching space for Almeley Primary School. The school currently has one double mobile on site, however in consideration of rising pupil numbers the installation of this mobile is seen as a cost effective solution to accommodate the extra demand.

Amount

The development consists of a single mobile classroom unit, which will be sourced from a third party contractor. Due to the constraints and nature of the site the floor area will be a maximum of 72m².

Layout

The proposed structure is to be located on the northern boundary of the school grounds for sole use as a single classroom facility. This area is currently occupied by open land laid with scalpings sometimes used for parking cars.

Scale

Please refer to the drawings for dimensions and size of the proposed structure.

Landscaping

The proposed site lies on a faintly slopping hill, which will require a degree of levelling in order to site the foundation pillars for the mobile unit. The entrance ramp for the mobile will be connected to rear entrance of the main school block by a path using an appropriate method of smooth landscaping,

Appearance

The proposed structure will be finished with dark green painted walls, white timber fascia and white uPVC windows and timber doors and frames. It is intended that this

will help the structure blend in with the existing building and rural setting of the school.

Please refer to the drawings for further information on materials and colours.

Access

Access to the unit is to be via a 1.8m wide flat path from the rear of the main school block, which will lead onto a landscaped area, suitable for wheelchair users. There will be ramped access to the front entrance and stairs exiting from the side opening. Internally, all doors will have a minimum clear width of 800mm.