

Cambridgeshire County Council
New Shire Hall
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Lanpro Project Number - 4215

via online submission

Dear Sir or Madam,

Non-material amendment to the description of planning permission reference H/5012/18/CC relating to the temporary siting of a mobile classroom

Stilton C of E Primary School, Church Street, Stilton, Peterborough, PE7 3RF

This application is for a Non-Material Amendment under Section 96A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended. The proposed amendment relates to planning permission ref: H/5012/18/CC.

The suggested description for this proposal is:

"Non-Material Amendment application to change the description of planning permission H/5012/18/CC to: Erection of a 4 bay temporary mobile classroom for a temporary period."

It is proposed to vary the existing description of development, which currently reads:

"Erection of a 4 bay temporary mobile classroom to accommodate the breakfast and afterschool club for a temporary period until 31 August 2023"

to:

"Erection of a 4 bay temporary mobile classroom for a temporary period."

This variation is being sought by way of a Non-Material Amendment. The National Planning Practice Guidance confirms there is no statutory definition of 'non-material', but that the determining authority must be satisfied that the amendment sought is non-material (para ref. 17a-002-20140306). Pre-application advice from the determining authority has been sought in relation to this, which confirmed that a non-material amendment is an appropriate mechanism for making the required variation in this case.

The proposal would allow the retention of the mobile classroom unit for a further 5 years. The need for the mobile classroom is outlined in a Justification of Need letter from Cambridgeshire County

Council, accompanying this submission. Paragraph 95 of the NPPF emphasises that the government places importance upon ensuring that a sufficient choice of school places are available to meet the needs of existing and new communities. The NPPF also states that Local Authorities should take a positive and proactive approach in achieving this. Taking this into consideration, the application for the retention of a modular classroom building on a temporary basis accords with the NPPF and supports the aims of paragraph 95 of the NPPF. Furthermore, the application is in accordance with the policies that are listed in Fenland's Local Plan.

As explained in the Justification of Need letter, the mobile classroom is used by the primary school not only for childcare before and after normal school hours but also for holiday clubs. This requirement will continue. This application therefore seeks to remove the words in the description which narrowly specify the use.

The application is being submitted alongside an application under Section 73 of the act to retain the mobile classroom to 31 August 2028. That application sets out the case for planning permission more fully, including the need for retention of facilities. For the purposes of clarity, it would be appreciated if the two applications could be dealt with simultaneously.

We trust this information enables the Non-Material Amendment to be determined and look forward to hearing from you.

If you have any queries in relation to this application, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,



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Planner