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Dear Richard

KETTLEFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL –RENEWAL OF PLANNING PERMISSION FOR THE MOBILE CLASSROOM

I would be grateful if you could renew the planning permission for the mobile classroom at the school.

Kettlefields Primary School serves the small villages of Dullingham and Stetchworth, which are situated 4 miles south of Newmarket and 14 miles east of Cambridge. There are not expected to be any major housing developments that would generate a significant number of primary-school-age children within the catchment area.

Kettlefields Primary School has a capacity of 140 places consisting of 4 permanent classrooms and one mobile. There were 107 children on roll in January 2023. The catchment population is forecast to remain steady for the next five years. While the school roll is forecast to fall over that time period, it is not expected to be to an extent that would allow reorganisation of the school's class structure. The school organises in four mixed-year-group classes, meaning all permanent classrooms are constantly in use and will be for the foreseeable future.

During the school day, the mobile classroom is used as a resource to split classes: The Year 3/4 class is particularly large, and run by a qualified teacher and an apprentice teacher, use of the mobile classroom enables splitting the class where appropriate. On Friday mornings the mobile classroom is used for music lessons.

The mobile is also used for a breakfast and after school club. The Local Authority has a duty to provide sufficient quality early education and childcare places to enable parents to work or to undertake education or training which can lead to employment (Childcare Act, 2006). Therefore

the mobile is still required for the provision of childcare in line with the Council's statutory duties.

On this basis, I would be grateful if planning consent could be renewed until August 2028.

Yours sincerely,

Alexander Brown
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