

1. Introduction

- 1.1. This Planning Statement has been prepared in support of an application for Certificate of Lawful Development for a Proposed Use under **Class M, Part 7, Schedule 2 of the General Permitted Development Order (GPDO) 2015 (as amended)**, seeking consent additions and alterations to classrooms at St Margarets CE Primary School, High Street, Stoke Golding CV13 6HE.
- 1.2. The proposal involves a small (18m²) extension to an existing classroom and alterations to window and door openings to tow other classrooms and associated external works, in line with the criteria set out in **Class M**, which allows for the erection, extension or alteration of a school building, subject to prior approval considerations. The works will improve the existing school facilities.
- 1.3. The proposal has been carefully designed to align with both national and local planning policies, ensuring it delivers a **sustainable** and **well-integrated** extension to the existing built form.
- 1.4. This statement aims to demonstrate that the proposed development complies with the relevant permitted development criteria and addresses key prior approval matters.

2. Development Not Permitted Criteria

- 2.1. As per the General Permitted Development Order (GDPO), the development complies with section M.1 which refers to criteria for development that is not permitted.
 - The cumulative footprint of any erection, extension or alteration under Class M is less than 25% of the school's footprint, less than 250m² and more than 5m from the curtilage boundary.
 - The height of the extension does not exceed 5m.
 - There are no additions to the existing roof height
 - The development is not within the curtilage of a Listed Building.

3. Conditions

- 3.1. As per the General Permitted Development Order (GDPO), the development complies with section M.2 which refers to criteria for development that is permitted, subject to the following conditions:
 - 3.1.1. The development is within the curtilage of an existing school
 - 3.1.2. The proposed use is incidental to the school
 - 3.1.3. The extension is to have a similar external appearance
 - 3.1.4. The school's published admission number does not change

4. Procedure

- 4.1. **Class M.2A** makes provisions for where a developer is required under paragraph M.2(f) to make an application to a Local Authority. This is only relevant to the erection, extension or alteration of University Buildings.

5. Proposals

- 5.1. The proposals are schedules as follows:
- 5.2. 2.6m deep extension to Year 1 Classroom using materials of a similar appearance and insertion of a fire door to the side of the extension.
- 5.3. Amalgamation of 2 classrooms into one large teaching space with enlarged openings and insertion of 2 toilets.
- 5.4. Widening of an existing external door to the Year 3 Classroom
- 5.5. Replacement windows to the Year 3 Classroom

6. Conclusion

- 6.1. The proposed works at St Margaret's CE Primary School represent a modest and carefully considered enhancement of the school's facilities, falling clearly within the parameters set out under Class M of the GPDO 2015 (as amended). The development complies with all relevant limitations and conditions, does not trigger any of the "development not permitted" criteria, and supports the continued effective use of the school without increasing its capacity or changing its use.
- 6.2. The design, scale, and appearance of the extension and alterations are sympathetic to the existing buildings and surroundings, ensuring minimal visual or functional impact. The proposals will provide tangible benefits for staff and pupils, improving the learning environment and supporting the school's operational needs.
- 6.3. It is therefore respectfully requested that a Certificate of Lawful Development for the proposed works be granted.