DELEGATED REPORT

Recommendation Made: 12 July 2010

Reference: - 10/00525/C **Parish: - Markfield Parish Council**

Applicant: - Leicestershire County Council
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Glenfield
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Location: - Mercenfeld County Primary School Oakfield Avenue Markfield Leicestershire LE67 9WG

Proposal:- RETENTION OF DOUBLE MOBILE CLASSROOM.

Introduction:-

This is a Leicestershire County Council application for the renewal of temporary planning permission for the retention of a mobile classroom at Mercenfield Primary School, Markfield.

The school is located on the south east corner of Oakfield Avenue, Markfield. The main school building is set back from Oakfield Avenue. The mobile block is located to the south east of the school and measures 8.5m by 18.2m with a maximum height of 3m.

Relevant Planning History

01/00694/FUL - Single Storey Extensions to School
02/00765/C - Retention of One Double Mobile Classroom
03/00480/C - Siting of Double Mobile Classroom
97/00275/C - Siting of Temporary Double Mobile Classroom
97/00972/C - Single Storey Flat Roof Extensions to School
99/00658/C - Extension to Form New Classroom
03/01297/FUL - Extensions and Alterations to School
03/01327/C - Extensions and Alterations to School
04/01004/C - Installation of Mobile Classroom
06/00325/C - Installation of a Replacement Mobile Classroom
08/00655/C - Retention of a Double Mobile Classroom
93/01062/4 - Renewal of Consent for Temporary Library Building and Car Park
80/01580/4 - Provision of New Entrance to Swimming Pool
80/01100/4C - Retention of Temporary Mobile Double Classroom without Toilets
77/00858/4 - Temporary Reciting of Existing Elliott's Double Mobile Classroom
76/01895/4 - Extension to Mercenfield Primary School
90/01110/4C - Provision of Surfaced Playground
89/00165/4C - Retention of temporary Elliott Mobiles 1 Double Classroom, 1 Single and 1 Toilet Block

Consultations:-

Not Relevant.

Development Plan Policies:-

Within the Settlement Boundary of Markfield
BE1 - Design and Siting of the Development
CF2A - Development on Allocated Educational Sites

Appraisal:-

The main issue for consideration is the effect of the proposal on the appearance of the school and surrounding area.

The site is screened by a high mature trees and vegetation to London Road and Beech Close. It is not considered that the proposal would detrimentally affect the appearance of the school or character of the surrounding area. The proposal is therefore considered acceptable and in compliance with Policy BE1.

The mobile classroom is currently in good condition but it is suggested that a more permanent solution should be considered by the County.

RECOMMENDATION: - That the Leicestershire County Council be advised that Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council has the following comments to make:-

1 Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council has no objection in principle to retaining the mobile classroom but considers that its design and construction makes it unsuitable as a permanent structure. The County Council is therefore encouraged to provide a more permanent solution to the ongoing renewal of the temporary planning permission for this structure.

2 It should be noted that the submitted plans provide conflicting information between the block plan and floor plan in respect of the size of the mobile classroom.

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