

Planning Permission for the Retention of Shipping Container Originally Permitted Under Coronavirus Temporary Planning to aid Recovery

Design and Access Statement

Introduction

This document forms part of the Planning Application, and its purpose is to provide additional information to the submitted drawings.

The Development

The application is to apply for Temporary Planning Permission for the retention of the Shipping / Storage Container at Barker's Lane School. Its location is indicated on the attached plan.

The need for the unit occurred due to the lack of storage space within the school building to accommodate the storage of additional furniture and resources whilst creating additional space within classrooms for the children due to Covid-19.

The container houses items that are required by the school to support the learning environment but not on a daily basis. This unit has allowed safe storage of these items and allowed the required space to facilitate learning during the pandemic. Although over time we have gradually re-introduced some items, this storage is still required.

Character

The dimensions are included on the plan. The container is formed from mild steel sheets welded to form a rigid framework. It has double height doors to the end elevation facing the school building and is pre-painted dark green.

Environmental Sustainability

By the continued use of the shipping container already on the school site for this purpose with no use of new materials will minimise the impact the unit will have on the environment.

Access / Movement

The school is located in a confined site, where space is a premium. The location of the unit is on a small area of the yard around the corner from the main playground and does not conflict with any access routes within the site but allows easy access to and from the existing school building to store and retrieve equipment and furniture.

Community Safety

The addition of the container on the site has not increased any existing vandalism problems at the school and no changes to existing fences or boundaries, or additional gates required.

Tree Plan

A tree plan has been included with the supporting documents. It was not considered any issue in the siting of the container as it is sited on an area of yard just off the main playground.