Item No. 25 SCHEDULE C

APPLICATION NUMBER CB/09/00903/ARM

LOCATION Lower School, Lower Shelton Road, Marston

Moretaine, Bedford, MK43 0LS

PROPOSAL Reserved Matters: Prefabricated single storey

classroom building with access ramp and steps

PARISH Marston Moretaine

WARD Marston

WARD COUNCILLORS Councillors R Baker & M Gibson

CASE OFFICER Duncan Jordan
DATE REGISTERED 15 May 2009
EXPIRY DATE 10 July 2009

APPLICANT Shelton Lower School

AGENT RTG Associates

REASON FOR Land owned by Central Bedfordshire Council

COMMITTEE TO DETERMINE RECOMMENDED

DECISION Reserved Matters

Site Location:

Shelton Lower School, Lower Station Road, Marston Moretaine is a conglomeration of a brick built main building and external porta cabins making up the school facilities. In terms of local plan policy the site lies in the designated Settlement Envelope.

The Application:

Reserved Matters: Prefabricated single storey classroom building with access ramp and steps

RELEVANT POLICIES:

National Policies (PPG & PPS)

PPS1: Delivering Sustainable Development

Regional Spatial Strategy

East of England Plan (May 2008)

Milton Keynes and South Midlands Sub-Regional Strategy (March 2005)

Bedfordshire Structure Plan 2011

Mid Bedfordshire Local Plan First Review 2005 Policies

DPS6

Supplementary Planning Guidance

South Bedfordshire Local Plan Review Policies

Supplementary Planning Guidance

Planning History

08/02087 Outline: Prefabricated single storey classroom building with

access ramp and steps. Approved 29/12/08

Representations: (Parish & Neighbours)

Marston Moretaine

No objection

Parish Council

Neighbours No response

Consultations/Publicity responses

Public Protection - Work No response Environment Team
Disability Discrimination No comment

Officer

Determining Issues

The main considerations of the application are;

- 1. Visual impact on the character and appearance of the area
- 2. Impact on neighbouring residential amenity

Considerations

1. Visual impact on the character and appearance of the area

This proposed portacabin measures 9.6m by 6m with a ramp to the eastern side. The external finish will be of textured green paint with a grey membrane flat roof.

In terms of the impact on the character and appearance of the area, this proposed portacabin is well set back in the site and the open space left between the main school building and this proposal sufficient such that the site does not appear overcrowded. Nor will the building be prominent to view.

2. Impact on neighbouring residential amenity

It is considered the relative distance to neighbouring properties concludes there should be no substantial impact to their amenity.

Reasons for Granting

The portacabin proposed will be sited well back in the site so as to present an acceptable impact on the streetscene and located such that it will not unduly impact on neighbouring residential amenity such as to be in compliance with Policy DPS6 of the Mid Bedfordshire Local Plan, First Review, Adopted December 2005.

Recommendation
That reserved matters be unconditionally approved:
DECISION