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Client: Hopwood Hall College
Project: MTC_Temporary Classrooms
Ref: MTC-SEV-ZZ-ZZ-RP-A-09001-P02

Hopwood Hall College Temporary Classroom Statement

A Design & Access Statement has not been submitted with this application, as the proposals are of a temporary nature and would typically fall under Class M Permitted Development. However, due to the Heritage Assets on site, a full application has been submitted.

The location for the temporary cabins has been carefully selected following verbal discussion between the Local Planning Authority and the College, to ensure there is minimal to no impact on the Heritage assets.

The additional teaching spaces are to accommodate the Colleges growing demand of student intake. The classroom cabins are a temporary measure whilst other works are continuing in the background. It is anticipated the cabins shall be on site for one to two year and then removed. However, to ensure there are no complications with current ongoing works, this application is requesting for the cabins to be retained on site for three years should there be any delays in planned works which shall accommodate future students.

Parking:

To accommodate the increased parking demand, we will utilise our existing overspill car park. It has sufficient capacity, is well-maintained, and readily accessible during peak times, avoiding the need for new parking infrastructure.

Student safety will be maintained through clear pedestrian routes, signage and barriers some staff supervision and speed restrictions in the car park will ensure safe movement around the classroom block.

Client comments:

The temporary classroom block is required to meet a short-term but essential need for additional teaching space at the college. This is due to a combination of the following factors:

- **Curriculum Growth:** There has been a recent increase in student enrolment across key programmes, which has placed additional pressure on existing classroom space.
- **Accommodation During Refurbishment:** the chapel is under refurbishment, temporarily reducing available teaching areas.
- **Flexibility and Continuity:** The temporary classrooms will ensure continuity of learning and avoid disruption to timetabled lessons while longer-term building improvements take place.