

CHORLTON HS SOUTH

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Temporary location of mobile food unit (catering van)



catering van proposed as temporary measure

PLANNING STATEMENT

This planning statement has been prepared in support of an application to temporarily site a catering van within the grounds of Chorlton High School South for a period of 12 months.

Background and Justification

The existing school catering facilities are currently unable to meet the demand during lunchtime, resulting in overcrowding and reduced time for pupils to eat and enjoy their breaks. To alleviate this pressure and improve the lunchtime experience, the school proposes to introduce a temporary catering van offering a 'Grab & Go' service providing hot and cold meals for up to 200 pupils per day.

This provision is intended solely for the benefit of pupils and will allow the school to manage mealtimes more effectively while it explores a longer-term, permanent solution.

Proposal

Type: Self-contained catering van with all-electric appliances (plugged it in each day by a commando plug 16A).

Location: One end of the main playground, positioned on existing tarmac.

Size:

Height: 2,946mm

Width: 2,133mm

Length: 6,096mm

Operating Hours:

10:00am to 2:00pm

School days only (no weekends or public holidays)

Duration: 12 months from the date of installation.

Impact and Considerations

The catering van will not require any permanent groundworks or utility connections, and its siting on the playground tarmac will ensure no loss of green space or disruption to existing infrastructure. The operation is confined to school hours and is internal to the school's function, with no impact on public traffic or neighbouring properties.

The temporary installation will significantly improve the quality and efficiency of food provision on site, supporting pupil wellbeing and school operations.

Conclusion

This is a modest, temporary intervention with clear benefits to the school community and no anticipated negative impacts. We respectfully request that the local authority support this application in recognition of its positive contribution to pupil welfare and the school's operational needs.