

1. Following a consultation response from the GBC Environmental Protection Team (Regulatory Services), could you please clarify the exact nature of the proposed use. For example, would the building be used for pupil's shows or activities etc in the evenings or weekends outside of school hours, would there be any community use or private hire use, is it anticipated that the use would include amplified music etc? The GBC Environmental Protection Team (Regulatory Services) advise that modular buildings generally offer little by way of noise insulation and that the site is only around 17m from the boundary of the houses in Tennyson Walk and around 40m from the houses themselves. Therefore, it will be important to ensure that the proposed development does not give rise to any adverse noise/nuisance impacts to local residents. I would welcome your comments on this issue. - The proposed building would be used as a drama classroom and as general classrooms, with no activities taking place outside regular school hours. There will be no community or private hire use as this is already catered to elsewhere on site. Modular buildings in this case refers simply to the method of construction, the proposed building will be built off site in a controlled setting and then assembled on site to reduce construction time, the building will fully comply with the building regulations. In regards to acoustics and noise impact on the neighbours, the building will be designed to comply with BB93 - Acoustic design of schools which provides acoustic performance standards for the building fabric of new and existing school buildings.
2. I note from the proposed layout drawing that some groundworks are proposed. Please provide further information regarding the proposed bund repositioning and spoil depositing to create a buffer. I consider that a plan showing the proposed buffer/groundworks details would be necessary. Can you please clarify whether the proposed groundworks be visible from Hall Road? - The proposed ground works would not be visible from Hall road due to the trees and vegetation present at the boundary and the car park area, the groundworks would also be of low height. A site plan clarifying the groundworks will follow.
3. A reference to 'modular' in the description of the development can sometimes mean that the proposed building is a temporary one. Therefore, can you please confirm whether the proposed building is proposed to be temporary or permanent? The proposal is for a permanent building as per the response on item 1.
4. I attach a consultation response I have received from the Kent Police Designing Out Crime Team_for your information and comment. - Kent police comment will be taken into account and Secure by Design principles implemented in the detailed design stage, PAS 24 compliant windows and door will be supplied. In regards to the separation of pedestrians and vehicles, the site has a fence between the parking area and the school grounds where the proposed building will sit, this area is also already frequently used by the school to access other parts of the school grounds.