

## **DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT**

To accompany a planning application for additional 5 x years to the classroom block accommodation at Unity College, whilst work to the new building on the former Easden Clough Site is completed.

### **INTRODUCTION**

Lancashire County Council has a statutory duty to ensure that a primary or secondary school place is available for every child of statutory school age living in Lancashire who requests one.

Due to an increase in pupils in primary schools in recent years now moving through to the secondary age range, Unity College has agreed to take an additional sixty pupils transitioning from primary schools from September 2021, following a previous increase of thirty pupils from September 2020.

Demand for secondary places in Lancashire for 2023-24 has materialised more rapidly than anticipated. Anecdotal reports from school planning services in neighbouring authorities (via EBD OG education building officers' group) suggest that other councils are experiencing a similar level of demand which exceeds forecast numbers, particularly at the secondary phase due to increased housing development and migration, the current forecast suggests that the demand will fall away from 2028 -29.

### **LOCATION**

Unity College is located in Towneley Park, Burnley. The new two storey school building that will provide the permanent expansion accommodation is being constructed on land off Morse Street which backs onto the Unity College site.

To the West of the development site on Morse street is Brunshaw Nursery School, and their grounds also back onto the Unity College site. Following discussion with the Nursery School it has been agreed that the best location for the temporary accommodation will be on this land, with a path connecting through to the hard play area of the main school. The location will retain play areas and equipment used by the nursery school and will ensure secure separation between nursery and secondary pupils is maintained.

### **USE AND ACCESS**

2 x Temporary single storey modular buildings consisting of two classrooms and toilets only.

Access to the new teaching blocks will be via the school's main entrance on Towneley Park, and pupils will access it on foot via existing hard play areas and a short section of new path to link to the nursery school site. This area and the grassed areas where the modular buildings will be positioned will be reinstated to their current state after removal of the temporary buildings.

No additional car parking is being provided as part of this application; this is being addressed through the main expansion project.

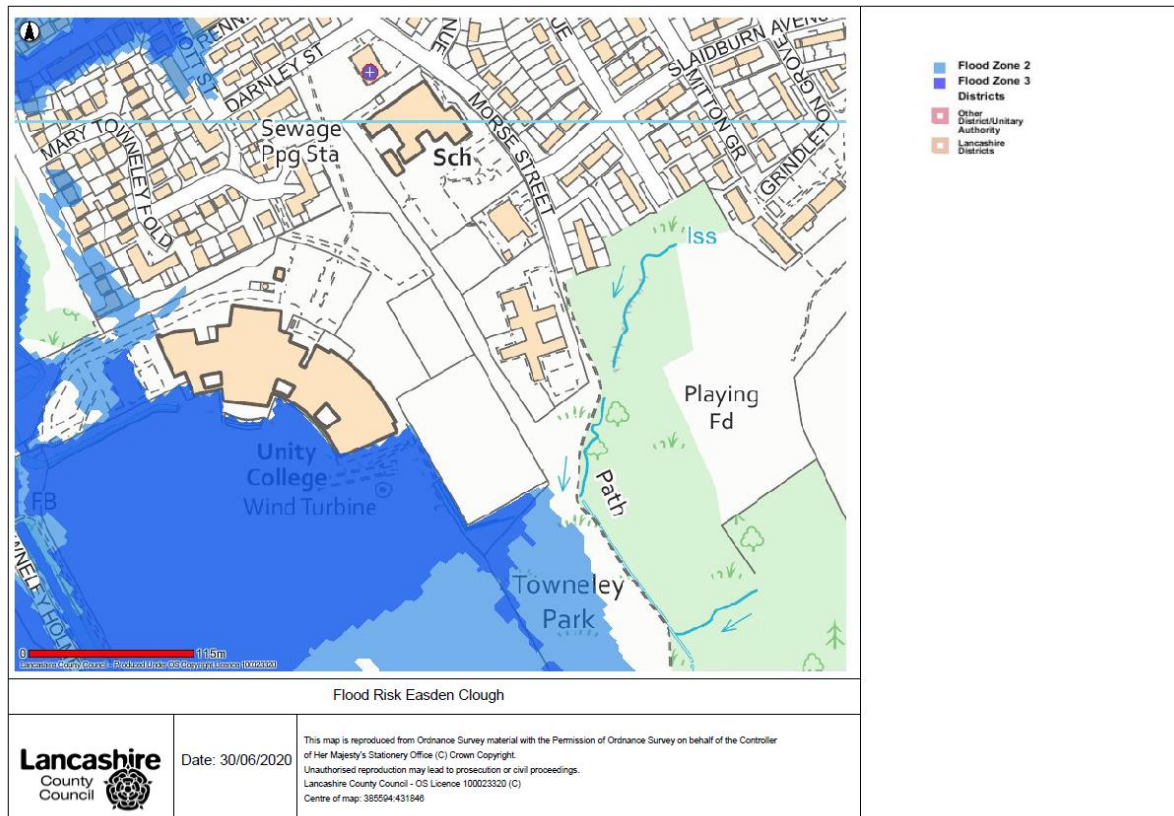
### **LAYOUT and SCALE**

The proposed single storey modular buildings consist of four classrooms in a 2 x Temporary single storey modular buildings consisting of two classrooms per block.

### APPEARANCE

The buildings are temporary and are set well away from Morse Street and at a lower level than the street, so will not have much visual impact. The buildings will be provided by Portacabin and will be white faced steel construction.

### FLOOD RISK



The site is not within a Flood Risk Zone and therefore is a low risk of flooding.