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Title	PLANNING APPLICATION UPDATE REPORT
Ward	Whitley
Planning Application Reference:	240226
Site Address:	Whitley Wood Modular Building, 29-35 Lexington Grove, RG2 8UG
Proposed Development	Erection of Temporary Modular Community Centre for a period of 3 years.
Applicant	Reading Borough Council – Property Management
Report author	Nathalie Weekes
Recommendation	As per main report
Conditions	As per main report.
Informatives	As per main report

1. Reason for the temporary modular building

1.1 Further to information provided in the main report, due to significant issues and risks at the original Whitley Wood Community Centre that building has had to close. Due to these extenuating circumstances the temporary modular building has already been erected on site. Permission is sought to regularise the erection of the modular Community centre for 3 years. It is due to be officially opened in April 2024.

2 Additional Disabled Parking details and amended plans

2.1 Further to the publication of the main agenda report, amended plans have been provided to show disabled parking spaces and a pedestrian ramp. The requirements for disabled parking and access are acceptable in principle however there is ongoing dialogue with the RBC Transport team to ensure that these are sited in the most suitable location to comply with policies TR3 and TR5 of the Reading Local Plan 2019.

2.2 The transport arrangements and final landscaping and boundary treatments can be dealt with by condition, to allow further community involvement in the appearance and design of the site over the temporary 3 year period.

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