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Planning Statement

Plot 30, Land at South Wraxall
North East of Rushmead Lane
Bradford on Avon, BA15 2RH

New allotment shed, polytunnel and hardstanding.



The proposal is for an allotment shed, polytunnel and hardstanding to allow Miss Mitchell and her family to use the land to cultivate their own fruit and veg and to be able to enjoy the space and countryside.

The allotment shed has been designed to be sympathetic and to minimise the visual impact on the surrounding area. The external appearance of the shed will use composite cladding, the reason for this is to give the building a natural wooden look. two sides of the building facing the hedgerows will be clad in box section steel, this is to minimise any risk of fire spreading from the building to the adjacent hedge.

Being mindful of the surrounding area, the shed will be built using ground screws, this will ensure that the proposal is not introducing a large reinforced concrete slab and that there will be no damage to the ground or any nearby roots from the ground screws. The added benefit of this

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approach should someone in the future decide to remove the building, there will be virtually no damage to the ground.

The design also includes rainwater harvesting and purification, this will allow Miss Mitchell to water any plants and crops during the summer.

Including a biodegradable W/C and having drinking water facilities on site allows the family to spend the day on-site without the need of driving home every time someone needs to use the toilet or to get a drink.

The proposed solar panels will allow the allotment shed to be powered using 12v electrics, this will be used for the rainwater harvesting system and some 12v lighting.

Having a large 1,000l rainwater tank will allow any crops or plants to be watered when necessary.

The proposal includes a hedge to surround the plot, this has the added benefit of not only increasing the biodiversity but will also have the added benefit of offering Miss Mitchell and her family an element of privacy when on site but will also help minimise the visual impact of the proposal on the surrounding area.

Several of the surrounding plots have already been developed and are being used on a regular basis as shown in the following photographs.



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As these photos show, the land is being used as an allotment, but they are incongruous with the surrounding area and detract from the natural beauty of the area.

We feel that we have clearly demonstrated that the proposal will be in keeping with the surrounding area and will help promote biodiversity in the surrounding area and we feel there is no valid reason why this application should be refused.