Planning Statement for Winnebago Five Lite Fifth Wheel caravan At 497 Semington Road, Melksham, SN12 6DX

Number 497 is situated halfway along Semington Road on the West side of the road, directly opposite an empty plot of land, backing onto open fields.

The neighbours on the left hand side as you look at the property, Mr & Mrs Pearce, also own the land adjoining the rear boundary. Ms Stewart is on the right hand side. The Pearce's have stated that they do not have a problem with any adjustments to the land to accommodate ancillary accommodation. Ms Stewart has not been approached.

The chalet bungalow stands in a plot 1/3 acre (.13 Hectares) and the bungalow is in the middle front to back and slightly to the right as you look at the front.

The placement of the Fifth wheel caravan would be behind the bungalow to the right, approximately 8ft (2.4m) away from the right boundary, mostly adjacent to Ms Stewart's existing garage. It would be approximately 6m away from the rear boundary and the land at the rear of the caravan would be used as a small garden area. In order to accommodate the caravan, 2 existing sheds and a car port have been removed, which together spanned the whole of the area the caravan would occupy.

Due to its weight, the caravan needs a secure base and so the area has been dug to a depth of 50cm below grass level, this will be infilled with Type 1 stone to allow a sound base without causing permanent changes to the land.

This proposal is coved under The Caravan Act because the caravan is less than 18.2m long and 6.7m wide and the internal height is less than 3.04m. The Fifth wheel caravan will remain mobile and is easily towed by simply attaching to a suitable vehicle and lifting the stabilisers, exactly the same as a British touring caravan. The caravan itself measures approximately 10m long x 5m wide with both slideouts extended, which is well within the permitted size under The Caravan Sites Act 1968. The exact dimensions are in the attached image as requested.

The caravan will draw electricity from the main bungalow via an electrical system installer by a fully qualified electrician, the bungalow currently has solar panels installed that provide electricity to the home. Heating is supplied via the caravan's pwn gas supply. The caravan has an on board waste unit, collecting both black (toilet) and grey (shower etc) waste into a large tank, which will be emptied regularly. Similarly it also has a freshwater tank that is filled using a hose from the main house supply.

The caravan will be used by Mrs Lesley Wright, the elderly Mother of the owner of the property. Lesley is suffering from early dementia and has had to give up living alone as it has become dangerous for her to do so. She has been required to surrender her driving licence as a result of the disease and this proprty is on a main bus route.

Mrs Wright will be using the caravan as ancillary accomodation to the main bungalow, allowing her to remain as independant as possible, whilst remaining under supervision.

It is anticipated that Mrs Wright will spend much of her time in the bungalow and so reducing the need for heating 24 hours a day.

No additional access is required, the caravan will be accessed on foot only from the main road, past the bungalow on the right hand side.

In conclusion, it is proposed that this Fifth Wheel Caravan is to be placed to house an ageing relative as a non-permanent solution, that that the proposal of this development is not subject to planning or building regulations and that a Lawful Development Certificate is the most practical solution for this project.





Length - 9.9m, 993cm, 9931mm

Extended width 4.4m, 440cm, 4404mm



Unextended width 2.4m, 244cm, 2438mm

