

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

FOR

**PROPOSED CARAVAN AT DOWNVIEW, WILTON ROAD, GREAT
WISHFORD, SALISBURY.**

This Statement is in support of the application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for a Caravan at Downview, Station Road, Great Wishford.

The proposed Caravan is for the exclusive use by a family member to allow them to remain within the curtilage of the family home.

The accommodation proposed is a Log cabin which will be located within the rear garden of Downview, all the services will be provided from the main dwelling and connections to the Cabin will be flexible and capable of being easily disconnected.

The drainage will connect into the existing drainage system at Downview.

The cabin will not be permanently fixed to the ground.

The proposed accommodation which is 12m long x 6m wide and no greater than 3.05m high internally meets the definition of a "Caravan", and as such does not require Planning Permission. The manufacturers details included within the application indicate the method of "Moving" the building.

It will be located 1m off the north boundary and 8m from the rear of Downview, the entrance door will face the side boundary to the north.

The definition of a Caravan

The definition of a caravan in law is defined by the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960, Section 29. It states as follows;

"Caravan" means any structure designed or adapted for human habitation which is capable of being moved from one place to another (whether by being towed, or by being transported on a motor vehicle or trailer) and any motor vehicle so designed or adapted, but does not include (a) any railway rolling stock which is for the time being on rails forming part of a railway system, or (b) any tent.

Case law has given further understanding of the definition of a 'caravan'. Case laws are new interpretations of law that are made in court and can therefore be cited as precedents. To be deemed a 'caravan' a habitable structure must conform to a size and mobility test. This is an evaluation of how the caravan could be moved and a measurement of its physical size. A further 'construction' test applies to twin-unit mobile home type caravans.

Size test

The maximum size of a caravan is limited to 20m x 6.8m and less than 3.05m internal height in the Caravan Sites Act.

Structure/Mobility Test

Caravan means any structure designed or adapted for human habitation which is capable of being moved from one place to another.

The proposed Caravan will be specifically for the applicants son and will allow him to live with a degree of independence but still within the family curtilage, it will be ancillary to the main dwelling and not a dwelling in its own right. All the services will be provided from the main dwelling and there will be no independent separate meters. Whilst some basic kitchen facilities will be provided, ie fridge, kettle and microwave, laundry and main cooking will take place within the main dwelling.

Access to the caravan will be via the existing property, parking and amenity space will be shared.

The Caravan will not be sold or let as a separate dwelling.