

Application Number:	PL/2026/01441
Location:	Lodge, Clearway Garage House, Firsdown, Salisbury, SP4 6DT
Proposal:	Positioning and use of a twin-unit as a residential dwelling.

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Introduction and Proposal

I refer to the above planning application received on 16th March 2026, which seeks a Certificate of Lawful Existing Use for the stationing and occupation of a twin-unit mobile home as a residential dwelling. The applicant states that mobile homes have been positioned on the land and used as residential accommodation for a period exceeding 10 years, supported by declarations, aerial photographs, and additional documentation.

Historic information accompanying the application indicates that mobile home accommodation has been present on the site in connection with the former boarding kennels, later occupied as an independent residential unit, and subsequently replaced with the current twin-unit structure.

Access and Parking

The site is served by an established vehicular access from the public highway. The access arrangements and on-site parking provision already exist and are adequate to accommodate the level of use associated with a single residential unit. No highway safety concerns arise in relation to the existing access or parking arrangements.

Sustainability Context

The site lies outside any defined settlement boundary, in a location remote from services and facilities, resulting in a high level of dependence on the private car for day-to-day needs.

However, for the avoidance of doubt, such matters are not material to the assessment of a Certificate of Lawful Existing Use, which is determined solely on whether the evidence demonstrates – on the balance of probability – that the claimed use has occurred continuously for the required period.

This information is provided only for contextual understanding and not as a basis for recommendation.

Highway Authority Position

The Highway Authority has no evidence to contradict the applicant's claim regarding the historic use of the land. As this application relates to the lawfulness of an existing use through the passage of time, and not to the planning merits, highway sustainability considerations do not form part of the decision-making process.

Should the Local Planning Authority conclude that the evidence demonstrates lawful use, it may be appropriate for any decision notice to reflect that the unit functions as ancillary accommodation to the main dwelling.

Recommendation

The Highway Authority raises no objection to this Certificate of Lawful Existing Use application. No highway-related grounds exist to dispute the claimed period of use.

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