

# **Personal Statement in Support of Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for Proposed Use**

I submit this statement in support of my application for a Certificate of Lawfulness in respect of the proposed siting and use of a caravan/mobile home within the residential curtilage of my property for purposes ancillary to the use and enjoyment of the existing dwellinghouse.

The proposed mobile home is intended to provide flexible ancillary family accommodation to meet the changing needs of our household, both now and in the future. It is not intended to create a separate planning unit, a separate dwellinghouse or any independent residential use of the land.

## **Ancillary Family Accommodation**

The proposed mobile home will provide accommodation for immediate family members as family circumstances change over time.

In the immediate term, the accommodation is intended to provide suitable living space for a close family member whilst remaining fully integrated with the family home.

The occupation of the mobile home will form part of the wider residential use of the property and will remain closely associated with the main dwellinghouse at all times.

The accommodation will not be occupied independently of the principal dwelling, nor will it be let, sold or otherwise used as a separate residential unit.

The mobile home will not have its own residential curtilage, postal address or separate planning unit. Access will remain through the existing residential curtilage and its occupation will remain functionally linked to the family living within the principal dwellinghouse.

## **Longer-Term Family Use**

Looking further ahead, my wife and I intend that the accommodation will also provide flexibility for our own future needs.

As we grow older, accessible single-storey accommodation may become increasingly important in allowing us to remain close to our family whilst continuing to live as part of one household.

The flexibility provided by the proposed mobile home will enable changing family needs to be accommodated over time without creating a separate dwellinghouse.

The intended use is therefore one of genuine ancillary family accommodation that can adapt to the evolving requirements of our household whilst remaining subordinate to the principal dwelling.

## **Relationship with the Main Dwellinghouse**

The proposed use is entirely domestic and family-related.

The mobile home will remain within the residential curtilage of the existing dwellinghouse and its occupation will remain subordinate and ancillary to the residential use of that property.

For the avoidance of doubt:

- the mobile home will not be used as a separate independent dwellinghouse or separate planning unit;
- it will not be separately let, leased or occupied by unrelated persons;
- it will not be sold separately from the principal dwelling;
- it will not have a separate postal address;
- it will not benefit from its own residential curtilage;
- the surrounding land will remain part of the residential curtilage of the principal dwellinghouse;
- access will remain via the existing dwelling and its curtilage; and
- occupation will remain intrinsically linked to the domestic and family life of the principal dwellinghouse.

Although the mobile home contains facilities capable of supporting day-to-day living, this does not alter its intended planning use. Its occupation will remain ancillary to the principal dwellinghouse and will not give rise to a separate planning unit.

The proposal is intended solely to facilitate flexible family living within a single residential planning unit. It is not intended to establish an additional dwellinghouse or an independent residential use of the land.

I respectfully request that this statement be considered alongside the other supporting documents submitted with the application.

For the reasons set out above, I respectfully request that a Certificate of Lawfulness be granted.