



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT STATEMENT

Change of Use/ Replacement outbuilding

Westwood Cottage, Sheerlands Road, Arborfield, RG40 4QX

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The purpose of this statement is to accompany a Planning Application

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Policy Context and Applicability

The existing office/ storage building is redundant, visually incongruous, and no longer suited to the residential character of the site. Its removal aligns with WBC's preference for rationalising non-residential uses within established residential plots.

Site Area: 360m2

Proposal: Change of use from office and storage building (Class E/B8) to domestic garage (ancillary to residential use)

Engagement approach:

WBC does not require formal public consultation for minor domestic proposals, but encourages proportionate neighbour engagement.

Actions undertaken: Direct notification to adjoining neighbours.

This approach reflects WBC's emphasis on early, informal neighbour dialogue.

No objections were raised to the removal of the existing office

Community Benefit:

- Removal of a redundant storage/ office building.
- Improved visual amenity.
- Enhanced residential use.
- Reduced noise/ activity next to the farmhouse.
- Modern, energy-efficient ancillary accommodation
- Better site organisation, improving boundary conditions and reducing visual clutter