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Dear Sir/Madam,

Design and Access Statement (DAS) for Mobile Catering Unit at The Dukes Head, Wokingham

1. Introduction

This statement is submitted in support of the application for planning permission for a mobile catering unit to be located at the Dukes Head Car Park, Wokingham. The proposal is to use a permanent but movable catering unit for the sale of food and beverages, offering a convenient service to the patrons of the pub and the public in a popular area of Wokingham.

2. Site Description and Context

The Dukes Head is situated in the heart of Wokingham, a thriving market town in Berkshire. The car park is private land owned by Brakspear Pub. We have written permission from the brewery allowing us to be the external kitchen for the pub. The pub's kitchen is permanently close. The site is easily accessible via local roads, and there is adequate pedestrian foot traffic in the area, making it an ideal location for a food service operation. The surrounding area comprises both commercial and residential properties, contributing to a vibrant environment.

3. Proposed Use

The mobile catering unit will be used for selling food and beverages, offering a variety of snacks, hot and cold drinks, and light meals. The unit is designed to be portable, easily moved, and complies with all relevant health and safety regulations. It will be in place for an ongoing, typically for several hours per day, with the potential for operation on weekends or during busy periods to serve patrons of the pub.

4. Design and Appearance of the Mobile Unit

The mobile unit is a compact, self-contained structure measuring 3 meters in length. The unit is designed to be visually unobtrusive and will be positioned in a way that does not obstruct

existing circulation routes within the car park. It will have minimal impact on the overall visual aesthetics of the surrounding area.

- The exterior will be in neutral tones, ensuring it blends well with the surrounding environment.
- Signage for the unit will be discreet and in accordance with any council signage guidelines.
- The design will prioritize cleanliness, functionality, and accessibility.

5. Access and Safety

The mobile unit will be positioned to ensure it does not block any vehicular or pedestrian access in the car park. It will comply with all relevant safety and accessibility requirements:

- **Pedestrian Access:** The unit will maintain clear pedestrian routes around it, ensuring safe movement for all visitors, including those with disabilities.
- **Vehicular Access:** There will be no disruption to the car park's traffic flow, and emergency vehicle access will remain unimpeded.
- **Health and Safety:** The mobile unit will adhere to food safety standards and will be equipped with appropriate fire extinguishers, hygiene facilities, and waste disposal systems.
- **Waste Management:** A waste management plan will be implemented, ensuring the area remains clean and waste is regularly removed.

6. Impact on the Local Area

The mobile catering unit will complement the existing facilities at the Dukes Head car park and will have minimal impact on the surrounding area. It will provide a much-needed service for local workers, shoppers, and visitors. The operation will be temporary and will not disrupt any existing events or activities in the area. Noise, traffic, and other environmental impacts will be kept to a minimum.

8. Conclusion

The proposal for the mobile catering unit at the Dukes Head Car Park represents a modest and unobtrusive addition to the local amenities. It will provide a valuable service to the public while respecting the character and operation of the area. The design prioritizes safety, accessibility, and environmental sustainability. We respectfully request the planning permission for this temporary use.

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