

## Planning Statement : 6 School Road, Riseley, RG71XP – Prepared by Sandra Cracknell

### **History and Use of the Land**

The land adjoining our property was originally overgrown and full of rubbish. Around 1978, my father-in-law approached the council to ask whether he could clear the land and incorporate it into the garden. At this time, my in-laws were council tenants. The council initially confirmed it was not their land, but later returned and advised that he could proceed with clearing and managing the land.

At the same time the council put a cesspit into the land to serve the only council house in the area. Once cleaned and fenced off, my in-laws paid a £1 peppercorn rent per year. My mother-in-law remained in the property until my father-in-law passed away in 1997. In 1998, my husband and mother-in-law purchased the property from the council, and since then we have continued to maintain and manage the land with no objections or visits from the council for over 20 years.

### **Reason for Mobile Home and Confirmation It Is Incidental to the Main Dwelling**

The mobile home was purchased specifically for our daughter and grandchildren so they could have additional space while still remaining part of our main household. The main dwelling did not have enough bedroom space to accommodate them at the time, and the council had advised us that she could not be housed elsewhere for at least 5 years. The mobile was therefore purchased so that the family could remain together and so our daughter could still be supported by us.

The mobile home is purely incidental to the use of our main dwelling. It is not used as a separate dwelling, does not contain full independent living facilities, and is entirely reliant on the main house for its daily needs. The mobile has no kitchen, no cooking facilities, and no bathing facilities. The only connection is the toilet, and all other essential functions take place inside the main dwelling - including bathing, washing, laundry, and all meal preparation.

The family share the same garden, the same parking area, and all routines remain integrated with the main household. The mobile home has no separate postal address and cannot function independently. Bills, utilities, and daily living arrangements remain tied to the main house.

### **Water, Electricity, and Evidence of Incidental Use**

Water and electricity are supplied directly from the main house. The mobile home is not fitted with any facilities that would allow independent occupation. We can provide photographs, utility records, and any other evidence requested to show that the unit is incidental and cannot be considered a self-contained dwelling.

### **Medical Need For Daughter to Reside Nearby**

In 2020, our daughter was diagnosed with a prolactinoma on her pituitary gland. This condition causes severe headaches and periods where she is bedridden. During these episodes she requires close support, particularly with caring for her children. Having her located within incidental accommodation on our land allows us to monitor her condition and provide daily care. She is under hospital management for this condition, and we can provide medical evidence if required.

### **Temporary and Moveable Nature of the Mobile Home**

The mobile home has wheels and remains a fully moveable structure, capable of being removed from the site at any time. It is not fixed, has no permanent foundations, and is clearly a temporary structure. We understand that any approval would be for a temporary period and we confirm that the mobile is not intended to be permanent. If the council requires, we are prepared to remove it immediately once the need no longer exists.