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Welwyn and Hatfield Council
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Dear Sir/Madam,

With regard to my retrospective planning application for a bicycle shed on my front drive, I was unaware prior to your communication that I required planning permission for a temporary structure. However, I am happy to apply for the permission, via your planning portal.

I require a bicycle shed for several reasons.

- 1) I own and live in a house with no side or rear access for bicycles. Bicycles cannot be stored securely on the drive without a structure of some sort. The Garden Village provides cycle paths to encourage cycling to and from the business park for workers.
- 2) My home is also a fully licensed HMO with gold standard PAL accreditation, where I accommodate 4 tenants and myself. My tenants all work on the business park. I have a bicycle and so does one tenant so far. The others are considering acquiring bicycles (but are awaiting the outcome of my planning application prior to purchasing.)
- 3) It was my intention to provide a suitable place for my tenants and myself to secure bicycles without the need to bring them through the hall and kitchen to the rear of the property every day. This is to avoid disturbing others in the house at unsociable hours of the day and night. Its hard for them to not bang doors in an HMO when the doors have to be on closers for the HMO licensing.
- 4) It was also my intention to encourage my tenants to use their bicycles and to attract those tenants who do not have their own vehicles, both preventing excess cars from being parked on the road, and keep noise levels down. I continue to work hard to ensure my neighbours are never inconvenienced by my tenants.
- 5) I have solar panels on the roof, drive a hybrid car and use my own bicycle as a preference because I am making efforts to protect the environment. I hope that you will see that I am trying to do my bit to lower CO2 emissions and help the environment.
- 6) I have purchased a solid quality shed for our use and painted it in the best long lasting paint (white), which is in keeping with the aesthetics of the neighbourhood.
- 7) The shed is now fully installed, painted on all sides and upright. As I understand a photo was sent to you whilst it was still on its front.

It is my sincere hope that when you see the shed you will agree that this is the best I can do to help reduce pollution, traffic and encourage my tenants to stay healthy.

Sincerely,

Gill Burnett