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Alleged unauthorised extension to outbuilding, siting of mobile home and summerhouse at Sunnybank, Gravel Hill, Shirrell Heath

I write with reference to the above matter which you recently brought to our attention. I have taken the opportunity to visit the site and discuss the situation with the landowner.

With reference to the mobile home it is sited within the curtilage of the dwelling and is being used as ancillary/overflow accommodation to the main dwelling for which planning permission is not required. Consent would be required if the mobile home was being occupied independently from the dwelling (i.e. by non-family members). Turning to the green summerhouse with decking area, at the present time it is sited outside the curtilage of the dwelling and requires the benefit of planning permission. However, I understand the landowner will shortly be re-siting the structure within the curtilage of the dwelling and permission would then not be required. Finally, I understand the extension to the existing outbuilding will be used for purposes incidental to the use of the dwelling and on that basis it would appear to be permitted development and not require the benefit of planning permission.

I intend to visit the site again in the near future when the extension has been completed so that I can be satisfied it is being put to an incidental use. At the same time I will check that the summerhouse has been re-sited within the curtilage of the dwelling.

I trust this is of assistance and will update you further as the case progresses.

Yours sincerely

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