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COMMENTS ON CASE (Online Version)

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DETAILS OF THE CASE	
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Appeal By	MS HEATHER WOODS
Site Address	The Green House, Gravel Hill Shirrell Heath Hampshire SO32 2JQ
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ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS	
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YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

In response to the Council's Enforcement Notice in respect of the Greenhouse, in Gravel Hill, Shirrell Heath. I would make the following comments.

The land in question was originally owned by Richard Stone and his partner Jane Foster. In 2010, the Appellant and her partner moved onto the site and resided in the caravan.

I am aware since 2010, the Appellant and her partner paid rent to Foster/Stone for 5 years. A rent book was maintained. In or around 2015, Stone approached the Appellant asking if they would wish to purchase the land for £25,000.00, the Appellant agreed to the purchase.

Whilst I am not a structural engineer, I believe that the premises is still a mobile home. In the case of 17/02213/FUL (the gypsy site at Gravel Hill), the Planning Committee considered allowing the residents on that site to remain permanently. Concern at that stage had been raised regarding the appearance of the mobile home and whether dwellings had been built rather than mobile homes being retained. It was felt, that the properties still met the legislative definition of a caravan. I would contend that the applicant's property does meet the legislative definition of a mobile home.

Further, in respect of the lack of mains drainage, I am not aware of the local properties in the area being on mains drainage - we aren't and I am sure the gypsy is not either.

Mr Stone is a planning expert and indeed, represents a number of local people in relation to planning applications. (He is currently assisting Emma Evans, in Elmer Lane, Upham, see Hampshire Chronicle 14/01/21 - WCC ref 20/01769FUL). He permitted the Appellant and her partner to reside within the caravan, he was happy to take rent from them and he was happy to sell them the property. Surely he would not have done so if he felt there was a breach in planning?

We therefore would support the Appellant and her partner in residing on the land.