**Design and Access Statement**

**Proposed Shed Erection on Land Behind Doggetts Barn, 72a High Street, Edenbridge, Kent, TN8 4AR**

**Belonging to Edenbridge Town Council**

**Introduction**

With the agreement of Edenbridge Town Council, Edenbridge Foodbank (part of Grace Community Church, Edenbridge Trust (Charity No 1181051)) is proposing to erect a large shed on land behind Doggetts Barn (Council Offices). This is to be used for a permanent store of non-perishable food items to be used for free distribution at the Foodbank Project.

1. Features of the existing Site

The whole site consists of a courtyard and grass area, Doggetts Barn Council Offices and behind those offices an **enclosed area**. This area is bounded by the Doggetts Barn building on one side, a wooden fence (with a gate access) on a 2nd side and the whole site boundary walls on the other two sides, as shown in the accompanying plans and photos.

The shed is to be built in this **enclosed area**. This area has two parts: a paved area approx. 11m X 12 m and then towards the rear is a raised area (approx. 12 X 7M). The proposed structure will be erected on this raised area within the **enclosed area.**

The location of the proposed shed is more than 11m from the existing Doggetts Barn and should not affect the lighting on their offices/rooms.

With it being behind Doggetts Barn and within an enclosed area, the new shed will not be obviously visible from the surrounding courtyard area and should be completely obscured from view from the High Street.

1. Proposed Development

The proposed structure is a wooden shed (4.8 X 6m) on a concrete base. There is an apex type roof (10 degrees slope) with a height at the apex of 2.5 m. Double wooden doors at one end and three Georgian style windows along the side facing Doggetts Barn. The design uses Redwood tongued and grooved shiplap construction with a green felt roof. The shed will be placed at least 2m from the site boundary walls.

An electricity supply will be brought to the shed, either as a separate supply, or as a metered spur, from Doggetts Barn.

Strip lighting will be installed in the shed which will never be left on overnight.

There will be no permanent heating. Occasional portable heating will be used when volunteers are working in there if necessary. This will never be left on unattended.

The design is in keeping with existing outbuildings that are present on the site which are also wooden shed structures.

With the design and positioning of the new shed it is considered that there is no significant impact on the Doggetts Barn, the surrounding courtyard environment or on properties adjacent to the site.

1. Access and Security

There are no changes to the access to the proposed site. Access will be by the courtyard and the existing wooden gate in the **enclosed area.** Access into the shed will be through double, hinged, wooden doors. Ventilation will be through these doors and the opening window panels.

The current toilet/WC facilities,( including disabled facilities) of Rickards Town Council Hall will be available for use. It is not expected that the shed will be used for long periods of time on any one occasion. The general public will not have access to the shed. Only vetted and known volunteers of the charity will have access (plus council staff if required).

The whole site is kept locked when not in use, the enclosed area gate has a padlock and the shed itself will be made secure with suitable security locks. An internal shed alarm will be fitted.

A pest/vermin control procedure will be in place, although as the food is non-perishable items only and will be stored in appropriate racks, off the ground, this is not expected to be a major problem.

Escape and evacuation notices will be displayed within the shed and will comply with the procedures for the whole council site at Doggetts Barn.

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