

Dear Planning Officer,

3 September 2021

Application for a Lawful Development Certificate in relation to

Villhermosa, Brook Lane, Woodgreen, Hampshire SP6 2AZ

Villhermosa is a small bungalow within the New Forest National Park. It is situated on a relatively large plot circa 0.27 acres at the end of a privately owned lane accessed via a gate from Brook Lane. The property is not adjacent to nor visible from a public highway. The property is in need of significant repair and renovation to make it habitable and bring it up to modern standards.

My wife and I are in the process of purchasing the property. We wish to make it our permanent family home live there for many many years. Before we move in, we would like to extend and modernise the property to make it a warm, well insulated and efficient home with new fixtures, fittings and utilities.

We wish to be good New Forest residents and neighbours and comply with all of the rules. We have consulted with two local planning officers, a tree officer and researched the New Forest National Park website to ensure we understand all of the requirements for updating and extending the property. We have introduced ourselves to the neighbours at the three other properties in the private lane and made them aware of our plans. They are happy that we intend to retain the existing bungalow and make it our home.

We intend to keep the property as a single-storey bungalow but would simply like to increase the living area of the home and modernise the internal configuration. We want to make it as Eco-friendly as possible, using modern standards of insulation and an air-sourced heat pump to make the home comfortable and future-proof. We also have an electric car and would like to install a charging point near the property, incorporating a permeable gravelled parking area.

We intend to make our home in the village and enjoy living in the New Forest as we look ahead to our retirement within the next decade. Our children and grandchildren have already fallen in love with the property and the potential it offers.

As we write, we are waiting to finalise the purchase of the property and none of the proposed works have commenced. We are applying for a lawful development certificate to ensure that proposed building works comply with the permitted development rules and conditions applicable within the New Forest National Park.

We hope this letter provides some helpful context to our proposals and application for a lawful development certificate.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to call me on [REDACTED] or by email at

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Yours faithfully

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Colin Thomas