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## Statement

### **Retrospective application for the change of use of land for the storage of three seasonal workers caravans.**

#### **Link Farm, Wiggonholt, Storrington, RH20 2EL.**

Link Farm is an agricultural business with a number of associated commercial enterprises established on the land.

One of the primary operations is to collect hay/straw from other farms during the summer months. This requires additional staff to be employed on a temporary basis during this time. The additional staff come from various parts of the country and only need temporary accommodation for a short period of time. They would not be able to afford to stay in rented accommodation (even if it was available) off site.

There have been seasonal workers caravans on the farm for approximately the last 15 years. They have been located in various positions around the farm, but more recently all placed in the current location. The number of caravans have varied during this time, but currently there are only three on site.

They are located between two barns to allow easy access. They cannot be seen from outside the site. Farming practices today often require part time temporary workers but the only way of ensuring these staff are available is to provide on site accommodation in the caravans.

They are essential to be located on the farm to ensure adequate staff can be employed during the summer months.

The caravans are 32.5sq.mts x 3. There was previously a slightly larger caravan on the site but this has recently been changed with all three units similar.

### **Noise issues.**

There are no noise issues associated with this development.

### **Water Neutrality Statement.**

Historically, there have been four caravans on Link Farm for more than ten years. These have been moved around the site during that time. They are now located next to each other as per the application. There are now only three caravans compared to the original four. Therefore, in terms of water usage, it is now less than when the four caravans were on the land.

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