Design & Access Statement - SDNP/24/00096/HOUS

The application is for permission to erect a 6ft x 8ft greenhouse at the bottom of the back garden to 1 Post Office Cottages, Easton (a Grade II listed cottage).

The nature of the site means the rear garden is an 'L' shape, with the back gate leading onto a parking area which adjoins a gravel track which serves as vehicular access to our property and some neighbours. Tree and hedge planting means that persons at the bottom of the garden cannot normally see 1 Post Office Cottages or No2 or The Old Post Office and visa versa. The site proposed for the greenhouse is an area of existing paved area enclosed by a 1.2m fence (purpose unknown), backing onto a neighbours garage. Photos of the garden are attached.

The bottom of the garden also has an existing timber garden shed, vegetable and fruit patch.

The greenhouse will be 6ft x 8ft and of aluminium and polycarbonate (glazing) construction and its site will be close to the vegetable patch. Polycarbonate glazing has been chosen to reduce reflectivity, be thermally more efficient than glass and be safer for users and children playing in the garden.

The back garden cannot be seen from the front of the cottage or users of the highway (Avington Park Lane). Few vehicles other than those of neighbours use the gravel track leading to the back of the cottages.