

**Statement to Accompany an Application
to remove the occupancy condition**

at

**Purn Holiday Park
Bridgwater Road
Bleadon
Somerset
BS24 0AP**

**Prepared by:
Shattock Associates
The Office
Cliff View House
Long Street
Crocombe
Wells
Somerset
BA5 3QQ**

Tel: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

October 2019

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.01 The Property

Purn Holiday Park comprises a site of static and touring caravans including a swimming pool, a large club house, offices, shop and shower blocks. The site has recently received consent for a large extension. The extension is not subject to the same occupancy restriction.

1.02 The Proposal

The original consent for this park included an occupancy condition restricting year round use. This concept is now dated and this application seeks to remove the condition, so the use of the site can be consistent with the extended site.

2.00 POLICY

2.01 National Planning Policy Framework

Paragraph 28 states that planning policies should support economic growth in rural areas in order to create jobs and prosperity by taking a positive approach to sustainable new development. To promote a strong rural economy, local plans should support sustainable rural tourism and leisure developments that benefit businesses in rural areas, communities and visitors and which respect the character of the countryside. This should include supporting the provision and expansion of tourist and visitor facilities in appropriate locations where identified needs are not met by existing facilities in rural service centres.

Other aspects of the NPPF emphasise the need to build strong competitive economy (which applies to tourism as well as trade) supporting a prosperous rural economy (of which tourism is an essential part) and meeting the challenge of climate change.

In general terms the NPPF also seeks to maximise the use of land. Year round use of the site at Purn does this.

2.02 The Core Strategy

Policy CS22

Policy CS22 of the Core Strategy also supports the provision of new, improved and replacement visitor and tourist facilities across the District provided they;

1. Are of an appropriate scale and improve the quality and diversity of the tourism offer
2. Maximise, where possible, any opportunities for access by means other than the car
3. Support conservation and economic development objectives; and
4. Have no adverse implications for the environment; local amenity and character of the area.

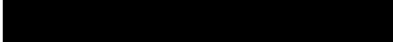
Policy DM58

Policy DM58 of the Sites and policies Plan Part 1, states that the planning permission will be granted outside the Green Belt and AONB for new or extended touring and caravan sites provided that the proposal does not harm the character of the local economy, increases accessibility to the District's tourist assets and will help manage visitor pressure.

3.00 CONCLUSION

To prevent year round use of a tourism and leisure facility in today's times is archaic. People are now used to short and medium term breaks at any time of the year and in any weather conditions. To prevent this deprives local shops, pubs and restaurants of income at various times of the year and enforces unwanted layoffs for the site's staff.

The proposal here for year round use complies with policy and removes an archaic condition relating to the use of the site that has no relevance to today's times. The application to remove the condition should therefore be supported in full.

Signed  .. Dated ..18/10/2018.....

M. J. SHEPHERD B.Sc., M.R.I.C.S.
for Shattock Associates