

My name is Darren Searle and I state as follows:

1. I live in Unit 1 at the Paddocks, Northfield Lane, Aldingbourne.....I have lived here since 2004. The wider Paddocks site was granted planning permission for the *"change of use of land to a private Gypsy and Traveller caravan site consisting of 3 no mobile homes (2 of which have extensions) and associated work"* pursuant to AL/67/10. One of the 2 'mobile homes' referred to in that application as having "extensions" is Unit 1, this being the building which is the subject of this CLUED application. On page 4 of the Officer's Report for AL/67/10 we can see that the LPA was already aware by then that Unit 1 was no longer in fact a 'mobile home': *"The Council's Solicitor confirms that the two extended mobile homes by virtue of their size can no longer be defined as caravans per the Caravan Sites Act."*

1. The legal definition of a caravan was established in the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960. It was modified in 1968 to include twin-unit mobile homes and again in 2006 when the sizes were increased.

1. Section 29 (1) of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960 defined a caravan as:

"... Any structure designed or adapted for human habitation which is capable of being moved from one place to another (whether being towed, or by being transported on a motor vehicle or trailer) and any motor vehicle so designed or adapted..."

1. Section 13 (1) of the Caravan Sites Act 1968, which deals with twin-unit caravans. Section 13 (1) provides that a 'caravan' is:

"A structure designed or adapted for human habitation which:

(A) Is composed of not more than two sections separately constructed and designed to be assembled on a site by means of bolts, clamps and other devices; and

(B) Is, when assembled, physically capable of being moved by road from one place to another (whether being towed, or by being transported on a motor vehicle or trailer), shall not be treated as not being (or have been) a caravan within the means of Part 1 of the Caravan Sites Control of Development Act 1960 by reason only that it cannot lawfully be moved on a highway when assembled”.

Amendment of the definition of caravan 2006 (Permissible Additional Purposes) (England) Order 2004 Paragraph 3 of article 3 of the Social Landlords (Permissible Additional Purposes) (England) Order 2006 (meaning of caravan) shall be amended:

“(a) Length (exclusive of any drawbar) 20m (65.6FT)

(b) Width: 6.8m (22.3ft)

(c) Overall height (measured internally from the floor at the lowest level to the ceiling at the highest level) 3.05m (10ft).”

1. When Unit 1 was first moved on the land in February 2004 it was still a mobile home that measured 36ft x 20ft, to which had been added the first extension that measured a further 22ft x 12ft. Both the former mobile home and the first extension are clearly visible in the attached photographs in Appendix 1. The larger extension was built in May 2009 and I moved into it in July 2009. The construction process involved creating a concrete base with brick work that was built up to the existing floor level of the former mobile home (as shown in the

photographs in Appendix 1). Timber framing was used for the walls and floor, then the roof was put on and integrated into the other existing 2 roofs. My sons in law – Mr Brett Strudwick and Mr Steve Tate - and I did the building work: Brett is a carpenter and I did the brickwork as I am a builder. Brett and I both built the roof along with Steven. The internal plastering work was done by a company Glitheroe and Keet. Mr Harry Talbot was employed as a labourer.

1. The overall structure measures 11.3m by 12.3m which exceeds the dimensions of a 'caravan' in the Act. In addition, the works done to the structure plainly bring it within the scope of s336 of the Town and Country Act 1990. In their email of 16th January 2017 the LPA accept that the structure is a building.
1. I have lived in Unit 1 since it was first erected on the site in 2004 and continue to live in to this day. I attach at Appendix 2 Council Tax Bills for Unit 1 for the years 2014 and 2015. Unit 1 is subject to Council Tax in its own right as a separate residential dwelling.

AND I make this solemn declaration contentiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Statutory Declarations Act of 1835.

DECLARED at 40 Sudley Rd . Bognor Regis

In the County of West Sussex -

This 8th day of February 2017

Before me

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