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Application Reference No. : SMD/2017/0330 Site Address: Wild Thorn Farm Ashbourne Road Bottomhouse
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Submission: Objection

Comments: Response as a Parish Council Member Bradnop Parish Council.

The Caravan has been sited as stated by the Applicants agent .We would however dispute its use as being ancillary to the domestic property and its position within the Domestic Curtilage is questionable.

The location of the Caravan to the West of the property on a concrete hardstanding .The hardstanding being originally the base of a concrete and tin construction prefabricated building .The use of the building being for the housing of cattle (at that time the holding was much larger with the land of two holdings Wildthorne and Sheepshades having been amalgamated to create what at that time was considered to be a viable agricultural unit)The building was removed and subsequently replaced with a lorry body the use of which was the storage of agricultural sundries .A subsequent owner also placed a large number of small sheds and accommodation units in connection with the business of rare breeds(This business was transferred to Blackbrook and became the foundation of the wildlife Park) the use of the standing was therefore "Agricultural"

The various accommodation units were removed when the property was purchased by Mr and Mrs M Durose .It was Mr Durose who removed the lorry body and replaced it with the caravan .The purpose of which was for the storage of wood and sundries in support of Mr Duroses antique activities which were further supported by a well equipped workshop with in the wooden section of the agricultural buildings.Mr Durose was a professional Antiques trader. During the ownership prior to the applicants the Caravan was used for the entire period as a storage unit , being used to store wire /posts and sundries as it was in fact in a very poor state of repair and beyond habitation .

It is the opinion of the Council that the caravan was no more than a replacement "agricultural shed" as found on numerous farming units across the area ,that its use was not in anyway "domestic" and that it was not located with in the domestic curtilage but as part of the "farmyard".

If this application is allowed then an unwelcome precedence will be set with regards the use of such "sheds".

The current siting of the mobile home is unacceptable by virtue of its highly visible location .We would also

have noted that this domestic property has supported a number of larger family units over the years without recourse to camping in the garden and has undergone substantial enlargement since these families moved on .