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Comments: If you are minded to approve the application to build a stable block please can you place conditions on the development, which will make it quite clear that the change of use to a use ancillary to the operation of the dwelling house, which is currently in use as Airbnb accommodation, would not be acceptable and/or require planning consent. I make this comment because the stable block that Mr. Duncan refers to in his report, namely Barnswood Bungalow, SMD/2007/1126, and used as an example of stable block that has been permitted in the Green Belt is currently in use as a drinks bar and games room for the benefit and enjoyment of the AirBnB guests that occupy Barnswood Bungalow/Lake View (the latter is the Airbnb house name). This is relevant because Mr R Buxton, the applicant, is the host for both the Barnswood Bungalow /Lake View and Fairview/Chalet du Lac Airbnb accommodation. If something similar happened in this case, without planning consent, it would again make a mockery of the planning system, unless of course you were minded at the time to take enforcement action.

Again if you are mindful to approve the application can you impose conditions to ensure the stone gravel areas are not allowed to be hard surfaced, or be extended to form part of the domestic curtilage.

In my opinion the two lamps, as currently designed and sited, do visually extend the domestic influence of the property and in this respect are harmful to character and appearance of the landscape. Any lighting should be of a more appropriate design and conditioned to prevent night sky pollution and reduce potential disturbance on wildlife, particularly bats that are regularly seen foraging in the area. Artificial lighting falling on or close to bat roosts, or foraging pathways can cause many problems for bats for example by reducing foraging time and affecting the feeding behaviour of bats away from the roost. Some species of bats avoid illuminated areas and therefore lose foraging grounds if they are lit. If you, or your colleagues, require further information it can be found on the Bat Conservation website.

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