DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

My wife , Myself and our dogs reside on a narrow boat moored at Far Coton on the Ashby canal .we rent this land off Mr Lawrence a local farmer .We applied earlier this year for permission to live here and this was granted .We would now ask permission for our small development that compliments our mooring.This consists of a wooden shed , post ,stock an rail fencing a chicken pen ,and a small allotment area for growing vegetables. Access to the site is through a 5ft wide rustic style gate .

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The shed is of a stable style with a pent style roof [flat] .It is 4.3mtr long , 2.1mtr wide, 2.10 high. The entire shed is made of wood and painted completely green [roof is felt covered].The shed is sited at the bottom of the field behind a large willow tree screening it completely from the canal[photo].We have contacted a
Mrs Shirley Shapman of British waterways ,she stated that they have no objections to the shed at all as it does not affect the bank in anyway and as no foundations. We use it to secure equipment for the up keep of the land and other general equipment such as bikes and coal helping to keep the roof of the boat clear and tidy.

The fence is of a post an rail style commonly seen in the countryside with 5cm sq welded mesh attached ,it is sited just over halfway between the canal and the top hedge.The two sides come up from the canal for 18.9 mtr and across 22.2mtr with a 2.5 mtr rustic style gate at one end for access to and from our boat and it does not exceed 1.5 mtr in height This provides security for our boat and shed also it secures our three dogs preventing them from being a danger to anyone or livestock in the vicinity and this provides a suitable, safe environment for their health and wellbeing .
The fence is painted brown and edged on three sides by mixed native hedging [quick thorn] which in time will create a small open field affect when viewed from the canal side .

The chicken pen is just that it is 5.3 mtr X 5 mtr with a small hen house in one corner it is post an rail with 5cm sq welded mesh fixed. It is home to our 11 chickens who provide us with our free range eggs .It is located at the top of the site behind the large hedge screened from the road.

The allotment is a small patch of land situated at the top of the site ,used to grow vegetables through the summer months.It is at this stage we would mention the green house that would be placed near the top hedge next to the chicken run it would be 6ft X 4ft X 6 ft high at peak it would be of a green aluminium frame and used to compliment the veg patch.

Access to the site is through a rustic style gate 1.7 mtr wide in the top hedge on Coton lane .Mixed native hedging as been planted along the edge of the site and in time we will be completely hidden from view on three sides.

During this process we have been in contact with Market Bosworth parish council who conducted a site visit and had no objections at all.
Shirley Shapman of British waterways estates department who again had no objections.
We have also been in touch with Louise Foreman of Hinckley and Bosworth borough council planning dept who together with Mr Barry Smith have carried out two site visits and given us their advice. Following advice from the planning dept we contacted Kirstie Gamble the Ecology dept Leicestershire County Council who informed us that an ecology report is not required at this location.

Please find enclosed photographs of our development and a few photo's of other new and existing developments within and around the surrounding area

We would point out that this is a small non commercial development . We have endeavored to blend in with our surroundings where possible the new hedging will provide a further source of food and shelter for local wildlife .Our impact upon the environment is minimal and we support the local economy through tax and the use of local amenities .

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