

PLANNING STATEMENT

**CHANGE OF USE TO USE
CLASSES E, F1 & F2**

**SILVERWOOD GARDEN CENTRE
ST JAMES ROAD
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1. Introduction

This Planning Statement accompanies a Planning Application for a Change of use of existing buildings to a mixed use of Class e, F1 & F2 of the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended)

It should be read in conjunction with Drawing No. SW-25-01 the relevant existing buildings highlighted.

2. The Site

The existing site has an area of 0.90Ha and is situated at the Junction of St James Road & Browns Gate Sutton Crosses, Long Sutton. The site is to be accessed directly off St James Road. It is made up of various existing buildings within Use Class E.

The Site is Flood Zone 3 as shown on the Environment Agency Flood mapping.

3. Proposed

The highlighted existing buildings are to be used to house the 'Long Sutton Men's Shed' and 'Long Sutton Youth Shed'.

Both of which are run by Volunteers under the banner of The Long Sutton Men's Shed Registered Charity (registration No. 1175464.)

The Men's Shed at Long Sutton has been established for 7 years and is progressively growing its members and activities. Our aim is to provide a safe haven where men can relax, have a bit of fun, socialise and take part in many practical projects where they can share their skills and experience or learn new skills if wished.

We are supported by a number of agencies including:

Local Government:

Who have awarded grant aid and advice,

Police:

Who have advised on various issues with visits from the local community police officers.

NHS:

Who have funded the 'shed' particularly through the Lincs Mental Health Foundation and Shine (a Lincolnshire based group that provides support for mental health and wellbeing)

We also have regular presentations from agencies promoting awareness of stroke, diabetes, prostate cancer and dementia.

We structure our activities by a management system led by Trustees of the Charity, a working committee all of whom act as supervisors when open

Our activities include:

Woodwork workshops -Offering a range of projects tailored to all levels of ability providing access to tools and materials.

Engineering - We repair and maintain all our equipment and assist members with various projects.

Modelling- Members are making a large model railway amongst other model making projects.

IT- We provide access to computers with training in basic computer skills, and advanced support when required.

Automotive - This a new addition to the shed facilitating anything to do with petrol engines from motorbikes to lawn mowers.

Tech- We have recently purchased a CNC router for the woodwork department and a 3D printer for general use.

1st Aid- We offer 'in house' 1st Aid training and have resuscitation dummies, training defibs etc.

The duty supervisors are all 1st aid trained so there is always one on the premises. We have a defib on site.

Our 'Men`s shed' is totally inclusive of all men over the age of 18 and we currently have around 100 members.

We usually have between 30-35 attend each of our open mornings.