

Dear Planning Department,

**Re 25/02001/HOU & 25/02002/LBC The Lodge, Redlynch Road, Bruton BA10 0NJ**

**Under powers delegated to me by Bruton Town Council Business Continuity Motion 19/71 of 21st March 2020, and after consulting the Chair and Members of the Town Council's Planning Committee, I am pleased to report that Bruton Town Council considers the proposed changes minor and unexceptionable, and therefore recommends APPROVAL of this application, subject to Somerset Council's Conservation Officer agreeing that the proposed works will not compromise the status of the Listed building.**

In reaching this decision I have taken account of the following factors:

- The character of the original, two-storey cruciform lodge was greatly altered by the large, single-storey timber-clad extension added in 2014, whereas the proposed changes are miniscule in comparison.
- The proposal to turn a full height window into a glazed single door will have very little visual impact.
- The installation of solar panels on the flat roof of the extension will have only a minor visual impact, other than a drone's eye view from overhead.
- The installation of a heat pump next to the extension, with slatted timber screen to match the cladding, will only have a minor visual impact.
- The adjacent public highway offers an oblique view of some of the proposed changes, but the structure is screened by bushes, trees and a high stone wall, and only the most sharp-eyed and patient of observers would be likely to spot any changes.
- Since Bruton Town Council has declared a climate emergency it takes a positive view of developments like this which promote sustainable energy use.

With best wishes,

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