

## JUSTIFICATION STATEMENT

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Wind in the Willows Hotel  
Derbyshire Level  
Glossop SK13 7PT

**Proposed Gun Room and Drying Room with Gun Dog Kennels****The Site**

The site of the proposed building is in the grounds of the Wind in the Willows Hotel to the North of the hotel beyond part of the car park. The site has been chosen in order for the proposed building as unobtrusive as possible being partially screened by trees, and to be somewhat remote from the hotel. There is a large gently sloping open grassed area to the West with a lawned area to the East which is screened by medium height trees and shrubs. To the North is the boundary of the property in the form of a stone wall with mature trees on the banks of a stream over the wall. The adjacent premises to the North are a builder's merchant and a small industrial site. To the South is a parking area. In terms of siting the building can be justified since it is quite unobtrusive.

**The Proposal**

It is proposed to build a new building ancillary to the hotel to house a gun room and drying room with adjacent gun dog kennels to the West. The hotel is used annually by guests who visit the area for the grouse shooting season and the facility will be for their use.

**Design & Justification**

The hotel is typical of the type of large houses usually associated with the mill owners of the past and probably originated as such. It was not uncommon for such houses to have subsidiary outbuildings, usually of much simpler and plain design.

The proposed building has been designed to appear as a simple outbuilding, ancillary to the hotel and to be built with similar materials, ie. natural coursed gritstone walls and blue slate roof. The roof pitch will be similar however the building will not have any of the more ornate features of the hotel.

As stated above the design is fairly typical of outbuildings which were frequently built with these larger houses.

In terms of design and appearance therefore the building can be justified as being typical of what is often seen as an ancillary building to this type of property.

The proposed building will be used exclusively as ancillary to the hotel solely for housing sporting guns in a secure environment, and providing a drying area for wet outdoor clothes used in association with the sport of game shooting.

The hotel has an increasing number of guests who come for the grouse shooting season on the moors around Glossop and The Snake. These guests bring with them their guns and equipment and gun dogs and the hotel currently has no facilities for this.

In business terms for the hotel the increasing number of guests attracted by this facility justifies the provision.

In terms of justification for the region, there are already a number of guests, who are members of the grouse shooting fraternity, who come to the hotel from abroad for the shooting season. The facility will ensure that these guests continue to return annually. It will also attract other members of the shooting fraternity into Glossop. These tourists will be spending money in local establishments thereby helping the local economy.

In terms of security the building can be justified as providing a secure environment for dangerous weapons which might otherwise be wrongly kept in cars or hotel rooms.