

Jove Cottage, Lodge Road, Walberswick Southwold, Suffolk, IP18 6UL

Proposal - Relocation (and extension) of an existing garden shed, and the construction of a replacement sauna and gym structure.

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1. Opinion

In the opinion of the Parish Council this application can be **SUPPORTED**.

2. Description

The application concerns a proposal to relocate a timber shed located in the rear garden of Jove Cottage to the front garden along Lodge Road. An existing small timber shed in the front garden will be removed to accommodate the shed from the rear garden. An extension to the shed to be relocated is also proposed. A replacement garden structure is proposed in the rear garden, to be used as a gym and sauna.

3. Comment

Existing wooden shed removed to location of an existing smaller shed (size not given), near to front boundary of property on the eastern side adjacent to 'Garland' but enlarged by 3x3m to total 26.4m2.

'Garland' also has a shed in front of the main house, just behind the boundary to Lodge Road itself, and co-incidentally a shed in the back garden in the south west corner.

Views from National Landscape (via footpaths primarily) are unlikely to be adversely affected, new building viewed in context of other buildings on Lodge Road.

Amenities of neighbouring properties unlikely to be adversely affected. Relocated shed is bigger, but similar location of existing smaller one. Limited windows at high level on 'Garland' western elevation.

4. Summary

The proposed new gym and sauna in the rear garden will be a larger footprint and height when compared to the existing timber shed but the replacement structure appears to be a sensitive design with a brick plinth, waney edge timber cladding and clay tile pitched roof with dutch gable which will be in keeping within the general aesthetic of the main dwelling and other dwellings on Lodge Road.

The structure will remain reasonably well nestled within the existing retained vegetation but viewed from the south would be seen within the context of the existing development behind and therefore will not appear incongruous.

The Parish Council do not consider that the proposed structure would have significantly adverse landscape or visual impacts on the surrounding rural area or the special qualities of the National Landscape.

There will likely be some visibility of the proposed rear garden building from neighbouring properties but taking account of the generous size of the existing gardens and the nature of the existing perimeter vegetation, the proposals are not likely to give rise to significant adverse impacts on the residential amenity of the adjacent dwellings.

Based on the submitted information and an assessment of the local context the Parish Council do not consider that the proposals are contrary to local plan policy covering landscape matters. The structure would not also necessarily appear out of place and would be in a similar location within the plot to other outbuildings on adjacent properties. The shed will be offset from the main house and will be viewed as a separate garden structure.

Thank you for your information request dated 26th January 2026. The information you have requested is classified as personal information under the Data Protection Act 2018 and we will be dealing with your request as a Subject Access Request rather than a Freedom of Information Request.