28/01/2025 Tree house at Byways.

**Supporting statement** 

Almost two years ago we started to build a treehouse in our garden for our grandchildren & their friends. We had a willow tree pollarded and we thought this was a very suitable place to have a treehouse. We had no idea that we would need to have planning permission.

It is now almost completed and is built to a very high, safe specification. During storm Eowyn it remained very strong & stable. The children love playing in it with their friends. It is very important to encourage our youngsters to have fun away from computer games & screens, use their imaginations & have adventures.

As it weathers it blends in with the countryside. Planting shrubs & trees around the base will also help to blend it into the garden. In the spring the leaves on the willow tree shade it & swallows nest in the roof space.

The people in our village are very supportive as you can see by all the documents they have provided. People walking by on the road remark on how good it looks.

It can barely be seen from the footpath.

We have used natural timber for the construction. It is a crooked house, but hopefully it looks quaint & doesn't look out of place in our lovely hamlet.

Yours faithfully

