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9	22/00393/FUL <i>(Land At Oakleaze South Cerney Road Siddington)</i>	The Applicant has provided historical information regarding the use of the land – please see attached.

Oakleaze - A Potted History

Oakleaze was the home of Mr David Bennett and Mrs June Bennett and where they lived for all of their married lives until support care was required towards the end of their lives. It was the marital home they built on land they purchased in 1952, raised a family and the location of many enterprises they undertook during their time there.

Initially breeding pigs and then it became the base for David's haulage business where his lorries were kept and maintained. This involved serving the local gravel pits delivering aggregates to many works and projects including highways and significantly supplying materials during the construction of the M4 during the 1960's.

The picture below was taken during the mid 70's whilst the haulage works continued to thrive.



They supported the local community in promoting the natural environment and when David retired went about improving the land around their home creating a Caravan Club Certificated Location (CL) providing opportunities for visitors to enjoy the many attractions nearby.

The CL proved successful with high occupation throughout all seasons including over the Christmas periods.





Typically, people would stay for three or more nights and returned regularly to visit the waterpark, Cirencester, the Cotswolds and local villages etc. the pubs in South Cerney often providing an evening meal and sometimes entertainment. The proximity to safe cycling routes also proved an attraction.

Due to its location, well-kept site and local attractions, David and June were awarded in 1999 third place in the CL of the year awards and subsequently winner of the Cotswold and South East of England award in 2000.

In 2001 and 2003 the site received the top accolade of winning the National CL of the year award. These awards were presented at the Houses of Parliament by prominent politicians for their part in promoting local tourism.





**Presentation of the Area Award Certificate for Cotswolds and South East England
Year 2000**