

## ECOLOGDE PROJECT

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The Ecolodge project aims to design and produce a sustainable alternative to the static holiday caravan. Sited on farms, as part of existing caravan/camping sites or at new locations, these environmentally sensitive holiday dwellings will allow visitors to experience an eco-friendly break that is new, exciting, relaxing and educational. The project will be a catalyst for numerous related local business opportunities including organic food production, waste treatment, green transport, renewable energy and woodland management as well as employment relating to the production of the building, its installation and subsequent management.

Built primarily of timber and hexagonal in shape, it can be easily assembled, dismantled and moved or stored. The project is underpinned by a fully sustainable approach that involves the minimising of its environmental footprint or impact. Any carbon derived through the production and running of the work can be reclaimed through carbon offset planting schemes – new trees. This in turn will create a sustainable timber cycle for building.

The Ecolodge Project is an imaginative response to a need to explore practical sustainable tourism options in rural and national park locations. It will also potentially provide farmers with additional income at a time of major changes in European agricultural policy and land use.

*Tips for others:* Building regulations are not sustainably orientated, particularly when related to temporary structures. This is particularly apparent as static caravans do not require building regulations.

*Desired help:* Funding. Interaction with many offices/departments including planning, building regulations, land management, tourism, waste management and transport

*Status of business:* Private business consortium