



HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION WITHIN THE COTSWOLD DISTRICT

The list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) set out below provide responses to potential queries regarding compliance with the restrictions and what may or may not be acceptable from an accommodation occupancy perspective. Reference should also be made to the further detail and clarification set out in the Council's 'Guidance for Holiday Accommodation within Cotswold District'.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS	RESPONSE
What can the accommodation be used for?	The accommodation can only be used as holiday accommodation.
What is meant by a holiday?	We rely on the standard dictionary definition that a holiday is 1) an extended period of recreation, especially away from home; 2) a day of festivity or recreation when no work is done.
How long can my holiday be for?	It is not for the Council to dictate to individuals the length of their holiday. The test remains that the owner/occupier cannot use the accommodation as a primary or principal place of residence.
Is there a limitation placed by the Council on how frequently I can occupy my property for holiday purposes?	No there is not. The test remains that the owner/occupier cannot use the accommodation as a primary or principal place of residence.
Can I use it as my main home?	No - the accommodation cannot be used as a primary or principal place of residence. Planning permission was only granted for holiday accommodation within the Water Park to meet tourism/holiday needs. Developers were not required to provide the infrastructure and other services that would have been necessary if permanent residences were being approved.
Can I run a business from my holiday accommodation?	No - the accommodation cannot be used for business purposes. The test remains that the owner/occupier cannot use the accommodation as a primary or principal place of residence.

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	In providing a definition of a 'holiday' the Council does also recognise that in the modern world people do bring laptops, Blackberry's and mobile phones with them on holiday.
Can I use it as a base if I work locally?	The accommodation must not be used as a base to commute to and/or from a place of work as if being used as a permanent or principal place of residence
Do any other restrictions apply to the accommodation?	<p>Some holiday accommodation is subject to an additional restriction which requires a specified close-down period (from 6th January to 5th February). The accommodation cannot be occupied* for any purpose during the specified close-down period, under any circumstances</p> <p>Properties may also have restrictive covenants as part of the lease agreement with the landlord. This is outside the control of the Council and would be enforced by the landlord.</p> <p>*For the avoidance of doubt occupied does not mean visiting the accommodation for essential maintenance and/or repairs but overnight accommodation is not permitted.</p>
But I need to keep in touch when I am on holiday.	If your mail is delivered to the accommodation as a matter of course, this may well suggest the use of that accommodation as a principal or primary place of residence and not occupation solely for holiday use.
I am retired. Can I use the holiday accommodation all the time?	No; you are still required to have a principal or primary residence.
What use can I make of local services?	<p>We would expect you to use local services as you would normally do when on holiday.</p> <p>As an example, if you were taken ill while at the accommodation, or developed toothache, we would expect you to use a local doctor or dentist, for urgent treatment.</p>
Can my children attend local schools?	A child or children registered at a local school would indicate occupation of the accommodation is not solely for holiday use.
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