

STATUTORY DECLARATION

I, [REDACTED] DO SOLEMNLY AND SINCERELY DECLARE as follows:

1. That my full name is [REDACTED]
2. This is my second Statutory Declaration concerning the occupation of the property that I live at the known as Saltings Cottage, Meadow Farm Nursery, Woodgaston Lane, Hayling Island, PO11 0RL. This additional Declaration seeks to address in full the additional queries raised by the case officer at Havant Borough Council who is dealing with an application for a certificate of lawfulness for the non-compliance with the agricultural occupancy condition.
3. My business – [REDACTED] - is a business set up by myself. I am a sole trader. It is not a limited company and therefore the business is set not registered at Companies House. The core services that I provide are payroll management and account management. [REDACTED] during the time in question I have worked part time for a number of businesses. In principle my working hours, which are in essence as a business account manager, have been split as follows between 4 local businesses which work in the following sectors
 - [REDACTED] - Construction - 35%
 - [REDACTED] - Hospitality - 35%
 - [REDACTED] - Catering - 15%
 - [REDACTED] - Garden retail - 15%
4. I can confirm that Meadow Farm Nursery closed in March 2020 due to covid and did not reopen. Due to the seasonal nature of the nursery business there were a lot of young plants ready for sale when lockdown started. With all staff furloughed Meadow Farm Plants Direct was an online business set up and run by [REDACTED] as a standalone business as a means of selling off the outstanding plant stock. It ran for approximately 14 months before closing.
5. The case officer also asks about a person called [REDACTED]. I can confirm that between 1st October 2017 and 1st May 2018 a [REDACTED] lived at Saltings Cottage. [REDACTED] was retired, having not previously worked in agriculture. She did not work while living at Saltings Cottage. I gave [REDACTED] notice to leave the property by 30th April 2018 because my family and I decided to move back to Saltings Cottage. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I dealt with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] came to Saltings Cottage and removed [REDACTED] belongings and that was the last that I heard from [REDACTED]. Due to these events I did not include information regarding [REDACTED] tenancy at Saltings Cottage. [REDACTED] tenancy was very brief and I did not want to try

contacting [REDACTED] and cause her any distress. Moreover, there is a Statutory Declaration from [REDACTED] during the period in which [REDACTED] lived in the property. Accordingly, the property was not vacant when [REDACTED] left, in mid April 2018, as [REDACTED] was living there.

6. In respect of [REDACTED] tenancy agreements I can confirm that the tenancy end dates reflected the end dates of her fixed work contracts and we both agreed it was more sensible to use these dates. During these periods [REDACTED] worked as a contractor for [REDACTED] and other than being a tenant had no involvement in the site. It is still the case that she does not, nor ever has, worked for Meadow Farm Nursery nor in agriculture.
7. Finally, I confirm that the business was original set up my parents, [REDACTED]. When they retired in 2001 it was jointly run by myself and my brother [REDACTED] although he has always taken the main role, until 1st May 2018 when he was wholly in charge in the day to day running of the business, although there was a gradual change from when I started working part time in 2013. [REDACTED] has never lived on the site and originally lived in [REDACTED] and now lives in [REDACTED].

AND make this Declaration SOLEMNLY AND SINCERELY
Believing the same to be true by
Virtue of the Statutory Declarations Act 1835.

EMSWORTH

DECLARED at 3 WEST STREET /
In the County of HAMPSHIRE
This the 31st day of AUGUST 2023

Before me,

[REDACTED]

A Solicitor/~~Commissioner for Oaths.~~

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