Statutory Declaration of ANDREW JAMES BARNFIELD

Land to the east of Old Hill Farm, Hom Green, Ross-on-Wye, HR9 7TQ





STATUTORY DECLARATION OF ANDREW JAMES BARNFIELD

- I, Andrew James Barnfield, of 1 New Cottages, Kings Caple, Herefordshire DO SOLEMNLY AND SINCERELY DECLARE as follows:
- 1 I am 55 years of age having been born on 7 February 1958.
- The statements I make in this declaration are within my own knowledge and are true. Where they are not within my own knowledge they are derived by me from the documents to which I refer and are true to the best of my information and belief.
- I understand that this declaration is being provided in support of an application by E C Drummond (Agriculture) Ltd for a certificate of lawfulness in respect of the use of land to the east of Old Hill Farm, Hom Green, Ross-on-Wye, HR9 7TQ ("the Site") for the siting (and seasonal occupation for agricultural purposes from April to November inclusive each year) of 46 caravans and 3 portacabins and associated works comprising the laying of hardstanding, site access and bunding. A plan showing the Site edged in red is attached at Exhibit AJB1.
- I am presently employed by E C Drummond & Son as an agricultural worker specialising in fruit work. I have been employed by E C Drummond & Son since November 2004 and have known Eric Drummond since 1985 as he was closely involved with my previous employer. Prior to working for E C Drummond & Son I was employed by R W Bellamy & Sons from November 1979 until November 2004.
- I confirm that from February 2003 to April 2003 I was involved in the preparation of the Site and with the farm team placed 34 caravans in position on the Site. I was also involved with the increase in the number of caravans in 2004 when a further 12 caravans were added to the Site, taking the total number to 46.
- In both years I worked as part of a team to assist the contractors in laying services to each caravan, which included water, sewerage, electric and bottled gas. The people doing this work included other farm staff from Homme Farm and Arthur Bellamy. The electrician was Derrick Nicholls and his team of staff. The ground works were done by the Ruck family. I particularly remember the timings as the farm had a large increase in workers in 2003 and the workers had started arriving almost before we had completed the works to the Site. The final part of the preparation was the laying of the hardstanding and access to the Site. Prior to this, the Site was not used and was part of an arable field.
- After the caravans were placed on the Site, they were occupied by agricultural workers and fruit pickers originally employed by R W Bellamy & Sons and later by E C

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Drummond & Son. The workers were all involved with the production and harvesting of fruit as well as agricultural work. The Site has been used for accommodation every year from early April until November, with each caravan being occupied by at least four people. During the winter months the caravans are all shut up, the services are disconnected and the recreational facilities are closed down but none are removed from the Site.

I have carried out maintenance work on the Site every year since 2003, usually before the workers arrived, but also during the April-November season when again I have had the opportunity to see that the caravans are occupied during each season.

AND I MAKE this declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of provisions of the Statutory Declaration Act 1835.

SIGNED..

ANDREW JAMES BARNFIELD

DECLARED at 6 High Sheet this 31 day of July 2013
Before in

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EXHIBIT AJB1

This is the Exhibit marked "Exhibit AJB1" as referred to in the Statutory Declaration made by ANDREW JAMES BARNFIELD

DECLARED at 6 High Sheet on this 31 th day of July 2013

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