

I, [REDACTED] of Waterside, Five Oaks Road, Slinfold, West Sussex RH13 0RL DO SOLEMNLY AND SINCERELY DECLARE as follows:

The property at **Waterside, Five Oaks Road, Slinfold, West Sussex RH13 0RL** comprises a mixed use of residential and business purposes; myself and my family have resided within the dwelling since May 2016. I can confirm that from January 2018 until the present day the the property has also contained business operations and associated activities in the form of a food preparation facility in connection with mobile catering business (this having been granted planning permission by the Council under reference DC/17/2305).

Since at least April 2021 until the present the extent of hardstanding in the purple line on the block plan at **appendix 1** has, without interruption, been continuously used and maintained for parking in association with the residential and business uses on the land. My husband has provided a similar declaration to confirm my testimony.

Further to my own sworn statement, ratification of the situation is evident from the aerial images at **appendices 2 and 3**. These are taken from Google Earth Pro and Get Mapping respectively, and are robust evidence that the extent of hardstanding in the purple line on the block plan at **appendix 1** has been present since at least 2021, and was therefore substantially complete prior to 25 April 2024 for the purposes of establishing the 4-year planning rule. Together it is proven that the hardstanding has been in place for in excess of 4 years until the present day, and confirms that it is lawful for planning control purposes.

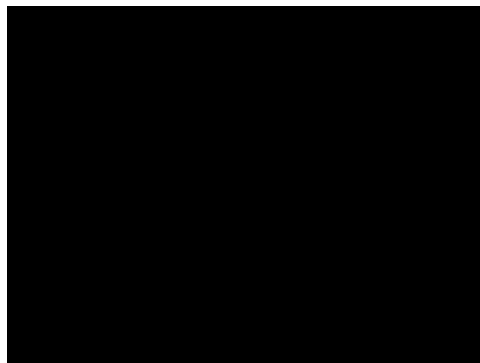
I have put this statement together following conversations with my planning agent asking me questions about the extent and use of the hardstanding; everything I have included within this statement is correct and an accurate reflection of the facts – the only thing my planning agent has done is to put

this evidence together in a logical way and so that I could respond to the aspects of planning law.

I can confirm that the evidence contained within this sworn statement has been prepared in accordance with Government guidance on Lawful Development Certificates, particularly taking into account that the Court has held that the applicant's own evidence does not need to be corroborated by "independent" evidence, particularly if it is unchallenged, in order to be accepted. If the LPA have no evidence of their own, or from others, to contradict or otherwise make the applicant's version of events less than probable, there is no good reason to refuse the application, provided the applicant's evidence alone is sufficiently precise and unambiguous to justify the grant of a certificate "on the balance of probability".

AND I MAKE THIS SOLEMN DECLARATION conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of the Statutory Declarations Act 1835.

SIGNED

A large black rectangular box used to redact the signature of the declarant.

DECLARED AT: Waterside, Five Oaks Road, Slinfold, RH130RL

In the county of: West Sussex

This day of: 28th July 2026