rural planning group

SWORN STATEMENT

[redacted]

My name is [redacted] and I am the Estate Manager for the Knepp Castle Estate. I have been the Estate Manager since August 2000. I can confirm that Hampshires Farm, Countryman Lane, Shipley, West Sussex, RH13 8PZ is owned by the Knepp Castle Estate and I have been responsible for managing the associated land and buildings on behalf of the Estate during my time of employment.

I have been shown the Location Plan marked **JE1** and I can confirm that the agricultural building edged in red is part of Hampshires Farm and has been used continuously for over 10 years for the purposes set out below.

I can confirm that between 7th Jul 2013 and 5th November 2019 the building edged in red on **JE1** was let continuously to [redacted] The building was used throughout this time for the storage of cars, for sale online and sales by appointment only. This is confirmed by the signed Tenancy Agreements attached to the Lawful Development Certificate application.

I have been shown **JE2** and can confirm that it is a signed the signed Tenancy Agreements between the Knepp Castle Estate and [redacted] for the period 1st July 2013 to 5th November 2019.

In May 2019, I pursued an enquiry from [redacted] at Anthony James Cars Ltd, as I felt the company had more potential than [redacted] and therefore I did not renew [redacted] tenancy at the end of its term and agreed that Anthony James Cars Ltd could take over the lease under the same use.

Anthony James Cars Ltd needed the building weather and bird proof so we carried out that renovation work and updated the drainage and barn floor prior to their occupation in March 2020.

I have been shown the signed Tenancy Agreements between Anthony James Cars Limited and the Knepp Castle Estate attached at **JE3**. I can confirm that since 1st March 2020 the building edged in red on **JE1** has been in continuous use to date by

Anthony James Cars Limited for the storage of cars for sale, online and by appointment only.

Declared at Trinity House, School Hill, Lewes BN7 2NN by [redacted]

on 14 February 2024 before [redacted]

ADAMS & REMERS LLP
TRINITY HOUSE
SCHOOL HILL
LEWES SUSSEX BN7 2NN
01273 480616 DX3100 LEWES 1