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Declaration of Mr. Charles Edward Thatcher

Concerning

The Application made for a Certificate of Proposed Use and Development,

At the Property

Riverside House, Sedgwick Lane, Horsham RH136QE,

In the matter of the Application made for a Certificate of Proposed Use and Development, and

presented by Metricab Power Engineering Ltd,

I, Charles Edward Thatcher of 18 Atlantic House, Harsfold Close, Rustington, West Sussex BN16 2QL

do solemnly and sincerely declare as follows;

I am the Chairman and Shareholder of Mericab Power Engineering Ltd which is a specialist electrical and mechanical engineering company, which was established in 1972. The company was originally based in Dulwich, South London but for operational reasons, we re-located to Horsham in 1987 and rented premises just off the Brighton Road, with the intension being to purchase our own premises once we had established our presence in Horsham.

In 1994 we purchased what is now known as Riverside House, the site extent and buildings situated there being that identified on the **Plan Denoted MP 1** *coloured green* attached to this statement. At that time it was called The Old Pump House, and while the property was in quite a dilapidated state and in part, a builders yard and office, had been permitted to operate there it ideally served our site requirements for offices and storage along with our locational operations allowing easy and speedy access to our client and working bases using the excellent A road and motorway connections.

We proceeded to obtain, using the services of Independent Town Planning Services, various planning permissions to bring about extensions and improvements to the original structure along with a permitted use for the site and building thereon for offices and B8 storage. These involved new 1st floor offices, a new reception area and entrance, extensions to the existing car park, protection works to the riverbank with a new retaining wall and relocating an existing over-head power line and placing this underground and the creation of an entirely new power substation.

These various schemes were granted planning permission from 1997 throughout until 2006 with the last proposal we submitted which involved an extension to the property and its refurbishment, this being the application ref; DC/05/2013 which involved the structure what we call Unit 3. This permission involved substantial alterations to the existing ground floor and a first floor extension to provide a second storey with a new roof pitched structure to compliment that which served the existing building.

The approved plans are attached to this statement at Document MP 2, these show the structure as existing at that time (2005) and what we intended to create by rebuilding and renovating the ground floor and constructing a second floor to provide a two-storey building under a sympathetic tiled roof pitched design. The building in question is known as unit 3 and is coloured yellow on the plan Denoted MP1 attached at Document MP 1 to this statement.

Following the grant of the planning permission on the 6th November 2006, the permitted works commenced immediately as there had been a delay in getting the approval by several months. This delay was unfortunate as it severely hampered our planned works programme which we had scheduled for the completion of all onsite development.

With the growth of the business that we experienced at that time and due to cost over-runs with the developments we had undertaken and completed, the decision was taken to complete only part of the scheme permitted by DC/05/2013, which involved only the ground floor and to reduce costs we elected to create temporarily, a one and half not two storey structure using a metal clad designed scheme which has remained in situ ever since, the work was completed.

We now intend to complete the development for which planning was granted in 2006, and in that respect, we seek confirmation from Horsham District Planning Authority that this would be lawful and that we would not require any further permission to fulfil and complete our original proposals for Unit 3 which would become a two storey building under a tiled pitched roof, replacing the one and half storey metal clad structure which was only planned to be temporary, but has since served our onsite purposes until the present day where we now need the office space that the original permission provided.

I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true.

Signed this 20th day of June 2025

Signed ----------

Print name CHARLES EDWARD THATCHER ----------