

## **STATUTORY DECLARATION OF CHARLES YARWOOD**

Section 191, Town and Country Planning Act 1990

*Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness of Agricultural use*

Brooklyn Farm, Bonnetts Lane, Ifield, Crawley RH11 0NY

I, CHARLES YARWOOD, of The House, 7 The Street, Charlwood, Horley, Surrey RH6 0BY, DO SOLEMNLY AND SINCERELY DECLARE as follows:

1. I am a Director of Imperial Buildings (Horley) Limited together with my sister, Helyn Clack.
2. Imperial Buildings (Horley) Limited acquired Brooklyn Farm in the 1970s and I have been familiar with the property and its buildings throughout our family's ownership.
3. For many years I lived at Highcroft, Bonnetts Lane, Ifield, RH11 0NY, which adjoins Brooklyn Farm. In December 1996 I moved to The House, 7 The Street, Charlwood, Horley, Surrey RH6 0BY. I have remained involved with the ownership of Brooklyn Farm and have continued to visit the property.
4. During the period that Brooklyn Farm operated as a dairy farm, the Traditional Sussex Barn (A1), the Attached Hovel (A2), and the western end silo bay of the southern range containing two grain silos (B1) formed part of the agricultural holding and were used in connection with the farming operation. The land now edged red on the application plan is the immediate setting of those buildings. It does not include the yard between the northern range (the pole barn) and the southern range (1999 Building 3), or the remainder of those buildings.
5. I recall the Sussex Barn being used for the storage of hay and the attached Hovel being used for agricultural equipment associated with hay making.
6. I also recall the two grain silos in B1 being used as part of the agricultural operation. To my knowledge they have not been removed, adapted or repurposed for any alternative use.
7. I remember the Sussex Barn being damaged by a milk tanker during the 1980s. The barn was subsequently propped and the arrangement of the principal access into the farmyard was altered. That incident did not change the use of A1, A2 or B1.
8. Following the death of the tenant farmer during the 1990s, the dairy farming activities reduced significantly. Throughout my continued involvement with Brooklyn Farm I have never known A1, A2 or B1 to be used for any purpose other than their agricultural purpose. I have likewise never known the non-agricultural activities which occurred elsewhere at Brooklyn Farm to extend into the land and buildings now identified in this declaration.
9. During visits to the farm I have continued to observe that the Sussex Barn contains remnants of historic hay and that the Hovel still contains remnants of agricultural equipment. The two grain silos remain in B1 in their original agricultural form.

**10.** Since I have known A1, A2 and B1 they have remained substantially unchanged and have not, to my knowledge, been altered or adapted for any alternative use.

**11.** I am also aware that the agricultural land to the rear of the holding has continued to be managed agriculturally, including sheep grazing and the production of hay.

**12.** Throughout my involvement with Brooklyn Farm, I have never known the Traditional Sussex Barn, the Attached Hovel, or the western end silo bay (B1) to undergo any material change of use.

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

