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Reference for Russell Cornish – Planning Application

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to provide a reference in support of **Russell Cornish** regarding the ongoing planning application for **Knoll Farm, Norton Ferris**.

I am **Alan Flatt**, an accredited member of the National Council for Metal Detecting (NCMD), membership number [REDACTED]. For some time, Russell has invited me to visit Knoll Farm to examine any excavated materials **and land** using my metal detector. Throughout this period, I have been consistently impressed by his conduct, his respect for the land, and his genuine interest in the historical and environmental context of the site.

Russell has always demonstrated:

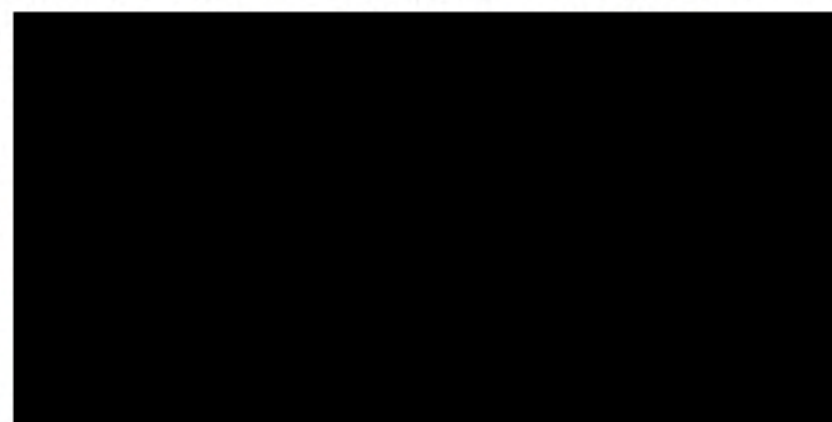
- A high level of respect for the local surroundings, ensuring that work at Knoll Farm is carried out carefully and with full consideration for the character of the area.
- A responsible approach to ground disturbance, routinely allowing me access to inspect excavated materials for any historical or archaeological artefacts.
- A sincere enthusiasm for the heritage of the site, showing genuine interest in the discoveries I make and in understanding the wider historical significance of the land.
- Openness, cooperation, and transparency, consistently communicating about planned works and ensuring that all activities are undertaken sympathetically and with awareness of environmental and heritage sensitivities.

I am aware that a number of objections suggest Russell does not care about the surroundings. Based on my direct experience at Knoll Farm, these claims are entirely unfounded. Every interaction I have had on site has shown Russell to be conscientious, considerate, and committed to responsible stewardship of the area.

In my opinion, **Russell Cornish** conducts all site activities to a high standard of care and respect. I hope this reference helps clarify his genuine commitment to the responsible development of Knoll Farm, Norton Ferris.

If further information is required, I would be happy to provide it.

Yours sincerely,



Alan Flatt

Accredited NCMD Member

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