

STATUTORY DECLARATION

I, Ian Maurice Plank of [REDACTED]
DO SOLEMNLY AND SINCERELY DECLARE as follows:

1. Introduction

1. I am the owner and occupier of the property known as Part Field Farm, Sambourne Road, Minety SN16 9RQ
2. I make this declaration from matters within my own knowledge and belief except where otherwise stated.
3. This declaration is made in support of establishing the lawful planning status and lawful use of the buildings and land at the Site.

2. The 1994 Planning Permission

4. Planning permission was granted by Wiltshire Council on 23rd /08/1994 under reference N.94.1430.s73 for development described as: "Livestock Sheds"
5. The permission included conditions referring to:
 - o the use of the buildings as "stables" for private social use or agricultural purposes; and
 - o the associated land agricultural use.
6. From the wording of the permission and its conditions, and application, it is my understanding that the buildings were authorised for agricultural use and for private equestrian purposes associated with the rural use of the land.
7. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the planning permission granted in 1994 has never been revoked, cancelled, or superseded.

3. Historic and Existing Use

8. Since at least 1994, the buildings have been used continuously for rural purposes including:
 - o the housing and keeping of a horse for private and non-commercial purposes;
 - o livestock-related activities;
 - o agricultural storage;
 - o purposes incidental to the agricultural use of the holding.
9. Throughout this period, the buildings have retained their character as rural agricultural/equestrian buildings.
10. At no time, to the best of my knowledge and belief, have the buildings or land been used for:
 - industrial purposes;
 - retail purposes;
 - separate residential occupation;
 - commercial livery use;
 - riding school activities; or
 - any unrelated commercial use contrary to the planning conditions.
11. The buildings has remained in agricultural and rural use throughout my ownership and occupation of the Site.

4. Continuity of the Authorised Use

12. To the best of my knowledge and belief:
 - the use authorised by the 1994 planning permission has continued without material interruption;
 - the planning unit has remained substantially unchanged;
 - the buildings have continuously remained available for and in rural agricultural/equestrian use; and
 - no material change of use has occurred.
13. No enforcement notice has taken effect requiring cessation of the agricultural or private equestrian use of the buildings.
14. I am not aware of any finding by the Local Planning Authority, Inspector, or Court that the authorised use granted by the 1994 permission has been abandoned or lawfully extinguished.

5. Class Q Prior Approval Application

15. I am aware of prior approval application reference PL/2021/08515 submitted under Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015.
16. I understand that the application was refused because the Local Planning Authority was not satisfied that the building formed part of an established agricultural unit for the purposes of Class Q at that time.
17. The refusal of that prior approval application did not:
 - revoke the 1994 planning permission;
 - determine that the buildings were unlawful;
 - extinguish any lawful existing use rights; or

- amount to a determination of the planning status of the buildings for all purposes.
18. To the best of my understanding, the Class Q decision related solely to the specific statutory requirements of Class Q at the time of that application. But failed due to the lack of information /evidence provided to the Council at the time.

6. Declaration

19. I therefore declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the buildings and land continue to benefit from the lawful uses authorised by the 1994 planning permission.
AND I MAKE THIS SOLEMN DECLARATION conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Statutory Declarations Act 1835.

DECLARED at: 38 Castle Street
Cirencester GL7 1QH

On: 11.05.2026

Signature

Before me:

Signature:

Name: ADAM WATTS

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Solicitor / Commissioner for Oaths / Notary Public

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