Mr. & Mrs. Fielding have asked us to write a letter in support of their application.

We have known Bruce and Jan for more than 25 years. I actually knew Bruce before he emigrated to Seattle with his mother in 1961. In 1997 I flew to Seattle to reunite with Bruce, his mother and also my brother who had emigrated to Australia in 1990. It was a great time. Bruce and I got on famously and Bruce told me how much he wanted to come back to his home roots and promised that one day he would. I also met Jan. At that time Bruce was building her new home. In 2007 I had a call from Bruce to say he was in England and had bought a property! When he told me the price I guessed it needed some serious work. Jo, my wife, and I duly paid a visit to Bruce and Jan's new house. It was in a terrible state, needing complete restoration and all services.

Bruce was never afraid of a challenge, good thing too!
I believe we were the first visitors and I think we have
a picture of Bruce and myself charging our glasses in front
of the Aga cooker. There was no doubting that before it fell
into disuse that it had once been a dwelling.

Bruce and Jan could see the potential in "White House
Cottage". Bruce and Jan made many trips from america to
Kilkhampton and over the years have turned the run down,
unloved ruins into a beautiful home, their home, "White
House Cottage".

In the first year they had water, the second, septic
tanks, in 2010, solar power and wind turbines. To celebrate
Jo and I stayed over, were treated to a gorgeous meal, possibly
a celebration drink and a bed for the night! Since then
Jo and I have made many visits, slept over and enjoyed
many a meal! Bruce and Jan have invested much time and
money into "White House Cottage" and in doing so the
local shops and buisnesses have also benifitted. We look
forward to visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fielding at "White House Cottage"
for many years to come. Of course nobody knows how life will
treat us in the forseeable future. Yours Sincerely