



## **PLANNING STATEMENT**

**Project Address: The Elms Nursery, Bough Beech Road, Kent, TN8 6ND**

**Project Description: Enlarged external canopy to exercise studio to provide safe distance exercise. Reinstatement of earth bunds to form enclosure. Hard surfacing to provide staff, over flow parking and safe delivery of products. Removal of green house and poly tunnels.**

**Enlarged canopy:** The enlarged canopy is a direct reaction to the requirement to provide safe distance between staff members and occupiers of the exercise studio. The outdoor space is typically where more active exercise takes place and therefore close contact between people is more likely to occur as such a more generous proportion of outdoor space is proposed.

**Reinstatement of Earth Bunds:**

The bunds have existed for at least 15 years since originally approved via planning permission. The earth bunds have been on place for a substantial amount of time. They have recently been tidied up and reinstated back to the original size and condition following partial collapsed and general spread.

**Hard Surfacing:**

Hard surfacing is proposed. Surface water from the hard surfacing will be disposed of via discharge into the near by natural water course.

**Removal of Poly tunnels:**

The poly tunnels were given planning permission 15 years ago. As part of the general operation to tidy up the site substantially sized poly tunnels and a green house have been removed. These formed a large amount of cubic volume within the green belt.

**Summary:**

The recent activity is solely for the benefit of the local and wider economy.

The applicant has invested large sums of money into the site in anticipation for us all to come out of lock down and prosper.