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*This is the exhibit referred to in the
Statutory declaration of Stephen Medhurst
Fosberry & Christina Marie Fosberry
dated before me this 21st July 2022,*



Solicitor,

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Letter of Support

Oct 31st 2020

In regards to the application to suspend the agricultural restriction imposed on the bungalow Downsview – Calloways Farm, I lend my full support to the applicants, Stephen and Christina Fosberry.

The original farm, owned by several generations of my family originally consisted of 60+ acres, however, over the last 5 decades the majority of the holding has been sold off in smaller parcels in order to move with the changes in agricultural practices and needs along with natural ageing process of my forebearers leading to retirement from farming, With no younger family member taking up farming as a career, the farm ceased to be worked as such.

The bungalow, Downsview, was built by my parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Attrill, in 1969 so that they could raise their 3 children on the dairy farm that was owned by the Attrill family. My grandfather, Mr Attrill, owned and lived in what was then the farmhouse, Calloways Farm. When the bungalow was approved, it was granted with an agricultural tie and a condition that what was left of the derelict Haydens Farmhouse was pulled down. This was done and only the footprint of Haydens remained. In very recent times and due to the very ill health of my father, a large amount of acreage was sold to neighbours and active farmers at that time, Mr. & Mrs. Holmes and a new farmhouse was applied for and approved for the Haydens Farm site.

My father had indeed retired many years before he died when the dairy farm ceased to exist in 1980.

My parents continued to live in the bungalow until my father's death in 2010 My mother was unable to remain at the property and eventually the property went to the open market, however, at the time of the sale, the size of land had been reduced significantly to 8 acres, which included only the field in which the bungalow was situated and no other land was offered for sale. It is understood that a holding of this size and of this type of grazing land is not a viable size, with less than 6 acres of usable land. Sadly, no offers were received for well over a year, although the property was competitively priced.

As my parents lived for 30 continuous years in the bungalow as a home and not a working farm and the current owners carried on the breach of imposed condition for 10 years, it stands to reason that there should be no obstacles for them to have the restriction suspended, which I give my full support to and kindly request the granting of the suspension.

Yours sincerely,



Malcolm Attrill

31/10/20

Witness:



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