

**IN THE MATTER OF AGRICULTURAL LAND USE AT
BROOKHALL FARM, LONG LANE, ASTON,
NR STEVENAGE, HERTFORDSHIRE**

**STATUTORY DECLARATION
OF ROGER DODSON**

I Roger Dodson of Hawkins Grange Farm, Hawkins Hall Lane, Datchworth, Hertfordshire SG3 6TF do solemnly and sincerely declare that:

1. I make this statutory declaration in confirmation of agricultural land use at Brook Hall Farm.
2. I am a director of Dodson Agricultural Limited which is based at Hawkins Grange Farm. I am now aged 51. I have been an agricultural contractor all my life. I work in what has been a family business for many decades and was previously run by my father.
3. As an agricultural contractor I undertake farming duties at various locations. The main part of our business at the moment is dealing with hay and straw. During the spring and early summer hay fields are cut and the hay then dried and baled. At harvest time we bale straw and thereafter reseed. We work with livestock farmers, clearing out cattle yards and fertilising fields.
4. At Brook Hall Farm I am primarily employed in making hay. The hay is left for a few days and then turned and baled. Most of this operation takes place during

May and June each year. I have been visiting Brook Hall Farm for approximately 30 years.

5. I am aware of the associated agricultural buildings. Each year some of the hay is stored in the barn at the Farm and is used for animal fodder.
6. I visit the farm usually in January or February each year to trim hedges and then again in early spring to fertilise the fields.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Statutory Declarations Act 1835

DECLARED by the above-named)

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ROGER DODSON)

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at Longmores Solicitors LLP)

27 Gable Street)

Hereford SF14 1HP)

this 26th day of September 2022)

Before me,



VICTORIA SANDBERG

A Commissioner for Oaths/Solicitor,