

7. I refer to the Officer's Delegated Report for 21/00426. It refers to an observation made by the Officer in the second main paragraph of page 2 as follows [extract]:

*"The Council's evidence further calls into doubt the change of use onsite, with application 14/0827 where the applicant attempted to apply for Prior Approval for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to dwellinghouse. Under this application the applicant declared that the last use of the building was for agriculture in 2002. The application was submitted in 2014 and therefore the applicant had previously declared that no use had been taking place onsite between 2002 and 2014"*

8. I confirm that I am deeply troubled by this statement made by an Officer. The comment which I have highlighted in grey I consider is a deeply concerning presumption without any evidence to support it. The application form I completed in 2014 for permitted development Class MD was done in good faith and I told the truth when completing it. As I stated the last use of Agriculture for the part of the building I referred to in that Application Form was in 2002. I made no other statement to any other effect. In 2014 I did not take any professional advice about permitted development applications and so did not understand the intricacies and regulations involved. Mr Kelly explained these to me on Site on 03 November 2014. I confirm I had paid the Planning Fee of £80.00 by cheque for the Application reference 14/0827 which was presented to