

**WITNESS STATEMENT OF JOHN CHRISTOPHER TWEEDALE.**

**PROPOSED PART CHANGE OF USE OF APPROVED BED AND BREAKFAST ACCOMMODATION (P1505/09 COU) TO RESIDENTIAL USE (NO INTERNAL OR EXTERNAL ALTERATIONS), ANCILLARY TO HORSESHOE INN HOUSE, AT BROOMS GREEN, DYMCK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE, GL18 2DP.**

**JOHN CHRISTOPHER TWEEDALE** (DoB 15.12.1956) of Horseshoe Inn House, Brooms Green, Dymock, Gloucestershire, GL19 2DP states as follows:

1. The facts set out this Witness Statement come from my own personal knowledge.
2. My wife Jacqueline Ellen and I have operated Horseshoe Inn House Bed and Breakfast enterprise at Brooms Green, Dymock continuously for nearly 11 years to date. The business was initially run based on fully fledged Bed and Breakfast lettings. More recently, due to changes in this market, Airbnb has become more popular and is now the preferred choice of holiday accommodation for most patrons. Tourists now mainly prefer to self-cater. The vast majority of our bookings now come via Airbnb, although the business has its own website as well.
3. I have interrogated our records of bookings over the whole of the period. Over the years we have operated the business there have been over 250 separate lettings, including the periods of 'lock down' during the Covid 19 pandemic, when we were closed. Of the 250, 6 were made by persons having any 'local' connection. (family living close by). 3 of these 6 bookings were made by one person over a period of years. This means that 4 local families have rented the accommodation over the 10 years. Of the 6 local bookings 4 originated from Dymock village and 2 from Brooms Green.
4. Should it be necessary; our bookings record can be made available.

I believe that the facts given in this Witness Statement are true.

Signed



**John Christopher Tweedale.**

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26th Sept 2023