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Date: 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Sir\Madam,

RE: 3 FURZEHILL COTTAGES, FURZEDOWN ROAD, KINGS SOMBORNE, STOCKBRIDGE

Please find the enclosed application for a certificate of lawfulness of existing use or development to confirm that the use of the land shown on the enclosed location plan for residential purposes is lawful.

The application site comprises of an area of land situated opposite no.3 Furzedown Cottages, as shown in the photograph below. The land has been used for car parking space by the owners of no.3 Furzedown Cottages for a period in excess of ten years as explained in the enclosed statutory declarations. The use has been continuous during that time.



The applicants originally used the land with the permission of its previous owner but have latterly formally purchased the land and have also constructed a garage and replacement log store on it. Those structures have been subject to a separate planning application (LPA ref. 23/00602/FULLS) but for the avoidance of doubt they do not form a part of this application, which seeks to establish the use of the land for residential purposes only.



The owners purchased no.3 Furzedown Cottages in September of 2011 and the land the subject of this application has been used continuously by them since that time. Indeed, the photograph on the previous page shows the land further along the drive being used by neighbouring homes in much the same way, and it is notable that no neighbours queried the use of the land whilst application no. 23/00602/FULLS was under consideration by the LPA. The use of the eastern side of the driveway as ancillary parking space and for bin storage is clearly established.

We consider that the use of the land for residential purposes for a period of at least 10 years has been confirmed by the declarations enclosed with this letter. The use is therefore immune from enforcement action in accordance with section 171B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended.

We trust that this letter and the enclosed documents will be sufficient to enable you to issue the certificate of lawfulness but if any further information is required or you have any queries then please let us know.

Yours faithfully

A solid black rectangular box redacting the signature of Matthew Holmes.

Matthew Holmes BA (Hons) MA MRTPI, Director