

Statement of truth

I have made this declaration in support of my application for a certificate of lawful development in respect of land owned by me jointly with my wife Karen.

I have been informed of the consequences of making a statement in support of a certificate application which is false or misleading.

I understand that I am guilty of an offence if I make a statement which I know is false or misleading in a material particular, or with intent to deceive I produce any document which is false or misleading in a material particular, or with intent to deceive I withhold any material information.

I understand that if I am found guilty of such an offence, I am liable to a term of imprisonment for up to two years, or to an unlimited fine or both.

I also understand that a local planning authority may revoke the certificate if, on the application for the certificate—

- (a) a statement was made or document used which was false in a material particular; or
- (b) any material information was withheld.

The facts stated herein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed

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Gary James Martin

Dated 30/11/2020

Statement of evidence

I, Gary James Martin of Pond House, Dogmersfield, Hook, Hampshire RG27 8TA state as follows.

I make this statement in support of an application for a certificate of lawful use in respect of the garden land associated with Pond House. The area of our land is shown in Figure 1 below which is bounded to the west by the green line, and to the west and south and east by the red line. Our house is the rectangle just below the pond.



Figure 1 Pond House garden land

In this statement I deal with the land to the north-west of Pond House. This is our back garden as it were in that we regard the front of the house as the south-facing façade .

I am a builder by trade and we built Pond House ourselves. It was completed in March 2018 which is when we also moved in. We first of all rented the property during construction and we purchased Pond House and its land from Robert and Jane Glossop after completion, in July 2018.

From our first visit to the site in 2016 we were able to see that the garden land to the north-west was just that – garden land – and had been tended and maintained as such. This area had been put to grass and we know that it had been regularly mown because

Robert gave us the ride-on mower that he had used to cut the grass. We have used it ever since to mow the grass. We regard this to be our back garden and have used it as such since we moved in. We have two children and this is their play area.

I have heard it suggested that this area is or has in the past been in agricultural use. That has not been the case for the time that we have been familiar with the site.

I also need to mention that I have been shown an aerial photograph which I produce as GJM1. I understand that it has already been produced by Robert Glossop. I can see from the date in the bottom right hand corner that the imagery date is shown as 12/31/2016 whereas the date in the top right hand corner is 23 June 2018. That must be the correct date as it shows the dormer windows on the roof, and the building works had been completed by March 2018. We had moved in when the photograph was taken as I can see the children's trampoline in the garden. The point I want to make is that the condition of the garden after we had moved in was the same as that shown on the aerial photographs when the land was owned and gardened by Robert and Jane Glossop.

Signed

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Gary James Martin

Dated 30/11/2020

GJM 1

Aerial photograph

G M

2016

