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Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an Existing Use or Operation or Activity,  
 including those in breach of a planning condition

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

**Publication of applications on planning authority websites**

Please note that the information provided on this application form and in supporting documents may be published on the Authority's website. If you require any further clarification, please contact the Authority's planning department.

## Site Location

**Disclaimer:** We can only make recommendations based on the answers given in the questions.

If you cannot provide a postcode, the description of site location must be completed. Please provide the most accurate site description you can, to help locate the site - for example "field to the North of the Post Office".

Number

Suffix

Property Name

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Town/city

Postcode

Description of site location must be completed if postcode is not known:

Easting (x)

Northing (y)

Description

## Applicant Details

### Name/Company

Title

Mr

First name

Tim

Surname

Allen

Company Name

### Address

Address line 1

Tollgate Stables

Address line 2

Golford Road

Address line 3

Cranbrook

Town/City

County

Kent

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

TN17 4AL

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

Yes

No

### Contact Details

Primary number

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Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

## Agent Details

### Name/Company

Title

First name

Surname

Company Name

### Address

Address line 1

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/City

County

Country

Postcode

## Contact Details

Primary number

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Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

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## Reason for Lawful Development Certificate

Please indicate why you are applying for a lawful development certificate

- An existing use  
 Existing building works  
 An existing use, building work or activity in breach of a condition

**Being a use, building works or activity which is still going on at the date of this application.**

If Yes, to either 'an existing use' or 'an existing use in breach of a condition', please select the relevant Use Class.

C3 - Dwellinghouses

## Description of Existing Use, Building Works or Activity

Please fully describe each existing use, building works or activity for which you want the lawful development certificate. Where appropriate, show to which part of the land each use, building works or activity relates

The enclosed is a Lawful Development Certificate for the existing use of the land as a residential dwelling for a period in excess of four years. The residential use of the stables commenced on the 5th March 2020 and continues to be used for residential purposes.

## Grounds for application for a Lawful Development Certificate

Under what grounds is the certificate being sought

- The use began more than 10 years before the date of this application  
 The use, building works or activity in breach of condition began more than 10 years before the date of this application  
 The use began within the last 10 years, as a result of a change of use not requiring planning permission, and there has not been a change of use requiring planning permission in the last 10 years  
 The building works (for instance, building or engineering works) were substantially completed more than four years before the date of this application.  
 The use as a single dwelling house began more than four years before the date of this application  
 Other - please specify (this might include claims that the change of use or building work was not development, or that it benefited from planning permission granted under the Act or by the General Permitted Development Order).

Is the certificate being sought for a use, operation, or activity in breach of a condition or limitation?

- Yes  
 No

Please state why a Lawful Development Certificate should be granted

When contemplating the various tests of certainty, the balance of probability and whether the suite of evidence contained within the application meets those tests, we are of the view that the weight of evidence is such that one can only conclude that Tollgate Stables has been subject of residential conversion and that it has been within an Independent Residential Use for a period in excess of four years, that the property is therefore immune from enforcement action and that the property should now be treated as an Independent Dwelling within the C3 Residential Use Class Order.

## Information in support of a Lawful Development Certificate

When was the use or activity begun, or the building works substantially completed (date must be pre-application submission)?

05-03-2020

In the case of an existing use or activity in breach of conditions has there been any interruption?

- Yes  
 No

In the case of an existing use of land, has there been any material change of use of the land since the start of the use for which a certificate is sought?

- Yes  
 No

If Yes, please provide details

The property deemed to be in residential use for a period in excess of 4 years was formerly approved as a stables structure in 2005.

## Residential Information

Does the application for a certificate relate to a residential use where the number of residential units has changed?

- Yes  
 No

## Site Visit

Can the site be seen from a public road, public footpath, bridleway or other public land?

- Yes  
 No

If the planning authority needs to make an appointment to carry out a site visit, whom should they contact?

- The agent  
 The applicant  
 Other person

## Pre-application Advice

Has assistance or prior advice been sought from the local authority about this application?

Yes

No

## Interest in the Land

Please state the applicant's interest in the land

Owner

Lessee

Occupier

Other

## Authority Employee/Member

With respect to the Authority, is the applicant and/or agent one of the following:

(a) a member of staff

(b) an elected member

(c) related to a member of staff

(d) related to an elected member

It is an important principle of decision-making that the process is open and transparent.

For the purposes of this question, "related to" means related, by birth or otherwise, closely enough that a fair-minded and informed observer, having considered the facts, would conclude that there was bias on the part of the decision-maker in the Local Planning Authority.

Do any of the above statements apply?

Yes

No

## Declaration

I/We hereby apply for Lawful development: Existing use as described in the questions answered, details provided, and the accompanying plans/drawings and additional information.

I/We confirm that, to the best of my/our knowledge, any facts stated are true and accurate and any opinions given are the genuine opinions of the person(s) giving them.

I/We also accept that, in accordance with the Planning Portal's terms and conditions:

- Once submitted, this information will be made available to the Local Planning Authority and, once validated by them, be published as part of a public register and on the authority's website;
- Our system will automatically generate and send you emails in regard to the submission of this application.

I / We agree to the outlined declaration

Signed

Guy Osborne

Date

15/03/2024

