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**STATUTORY DECLARATION**

I, Michelle Elizebeth Porter of The Willows, Main Street, Beachampton, Milton Keynes do solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:

- (i) I and my Mother, Jennifer Collett and a non-family member, inherited the property known as Hill Farm, Lillington Lovell from Martin Roddis estate shown edged red on the plan labelled Exhibit MEP/1.
- (ii) Hill Farm was previously occupied by Martin Roddis and before him, his Father Reuben Roddis and his relatives who originally purchased the farm in 1924.
- (iii) Martin Roddis was my Great-Uncle. He was born in Hill Farmhouse in 1929. He was a bachelor and lived with his Father and extended family occupying the whole property. When his Father died in 1981, Martin limited his occupation to only part of the ground and first-floor of the Farmhouse. I know this, because my Mother and I would visit him regularly at his home.
- (iv) In 2004, Martin had a hip replacement. From this time onwards he elected to limit his occupation of the Farmhouse to part of the ground-floor, indicated edged red on the plan labelled Exhibit MEP/2.
- (v) In 2011 his driving licence was revoked because of failing eyesight. From this time onwards, my Mother and I would visit Martin weekly to deliver produce or to take him to appointments or bathing at a Church Community Centre.
- (vi) His occupation of the Farmhouse was unconventional. He led a simple and independent life. His home was very basic by today's standards, comprising an outside WC and log-fuelled cooking range. Potable water was drawn from a well and electricity produced from a diesel generator. He sustained this lifestyle at Hill Farm until three weeks before his death, on 17 October 2019.
- (vii) To my knowledge, the only use of Hill Farm has been as a private residence. At no time was it used for any other purpose, and after my Great-Uncle's death the building fell vacant.

- (viii) I was an Executor and beneficiary of Martin's Estate. The Estate was valued, and report received for probate in February 2020. I finally inherited sole Title of the land in February 2023.
- (ix) This year is the 100-year anniversary of my Family's ownership and residential occupation of Hill Farm. It has always been my intention that my Family and I would continue the legacy of occupying Hill Farm as our family home. It was never the intention of my Family to abandon the residential occupation of Hill Farm.
- (x) In May 2020, the property was burgled, vandalised and multiple windows smashed. This led to rapid deterioration to the fabric of the property and ultimately the collapse of part of the roof and first-floor.
- (xi) In view of the condition of the building, one option available to my Family was to consider replacing the existing farmhouse with a new-build dwelling.
- (xii) With this objective in mind, in February 2023, my Husband and I applied to Buckinghamshire Council for Pre-Application Planning Advice for the replacement dwelling on the site. Having received favourable verbal advice from the Planning Officer, a planning application was duly submitted in January 2024. Because of this advice, we made no attempt to arrest the building's continued deterioration.

I depose as above from my personal knowledge of the land, and I make this Statutory Declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true by virtue of the Statutory Declarations Act 1835.

Signed:

  
Michelle Elizebeth Porter

Declared at: Lorimers 25-26 West Street, Buckingham MK18 1HF

In the county of: Buckinghamshire this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.

Witnessed by:  Solicitor/Commissioner of Oaths.



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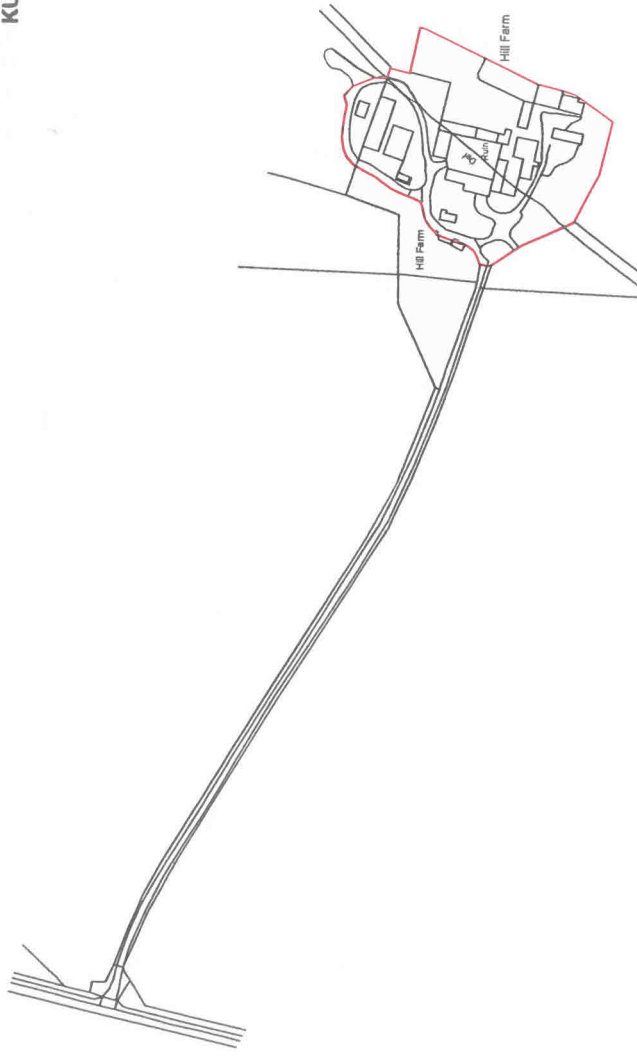


KUMAR J PANDYA  
SOLICITOR

April 2024

This is the plan referred to as Exhibit MEP/1 in paragraph (i) of the Statutory Declaration of Michelle Elizabeth Porter

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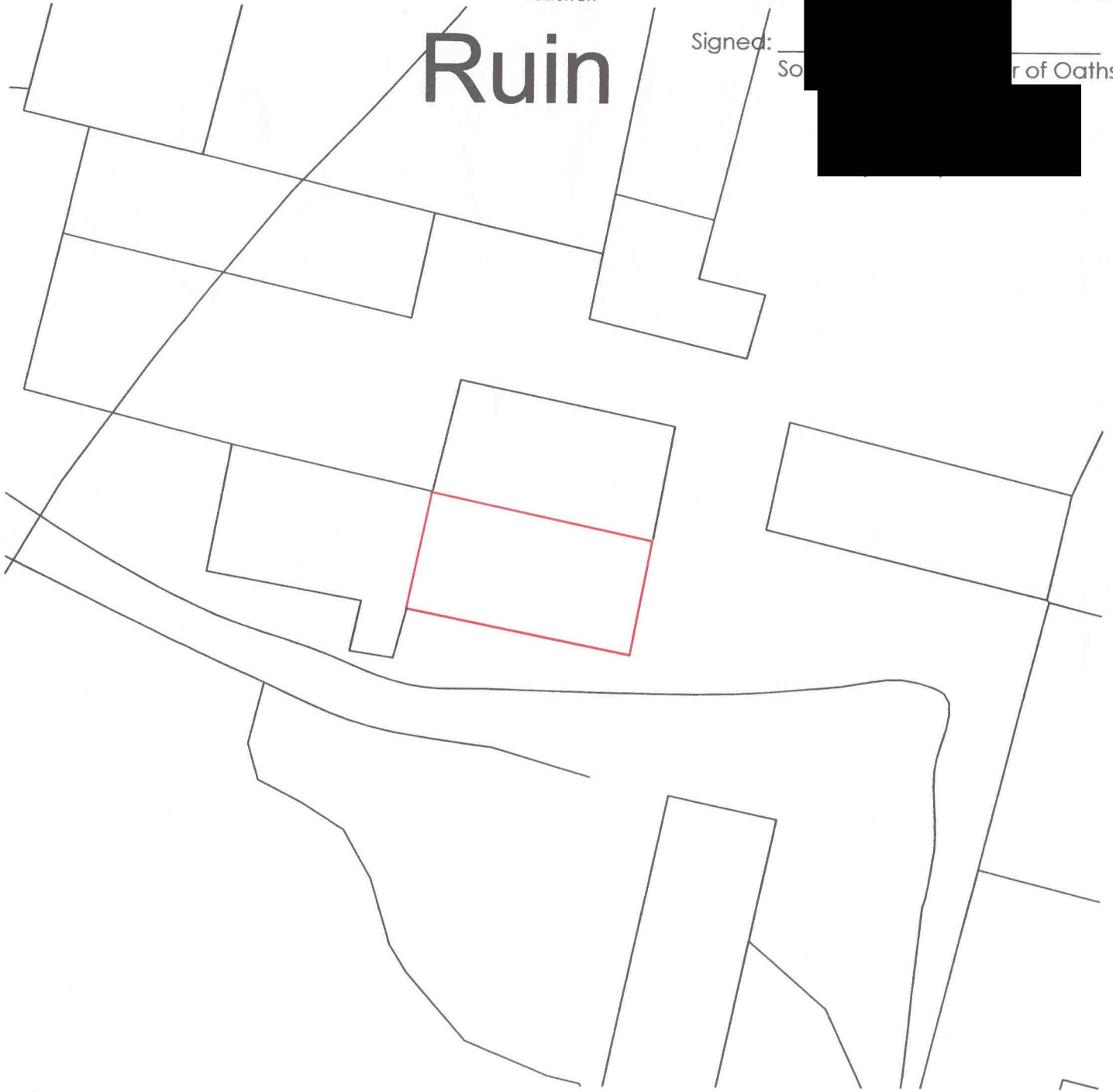
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