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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	Oakleigh Farm
Address Line 1	Buckland Road
Address Line 2	Higham
Address Line 3	Kent
Town/city	Rochester
Postcode	ME3 7HY

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

Easting (x)	Northing (y)
572530	174280

Description

Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

Mr

First name

James

Surname

Worley

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

Oakleigh Farm

Address line 2

Buckland Road

Address line 3

Higham

Town/City

Rochester

County

Kent

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

ME3 7HY

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Contact Details

Primary number

***** REDACTED *****

Secondary number

***** REDACTED *****

Fax number

Email address

***** REDACTED *****

Agent Details

Name/Company

Title

Mr

First name

Samuel

Surname

Chalmers-Stevens

Company Name

Bloomfields

Address

Address line 1

77 Commercial Road

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/City

Paddock Wood

County

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

TN12 6DS

Contact Details

Primary number

***** REDACTED *****

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

***** REDACTED *****

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.

B8 - Storage or distribution

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 area outlined on the submitted site location plan has been used for the commercial storage of caravans, vehicles and containers for a continuous period in breach of condition 1 of planning permission 20080858 (Continued use of the land for a parking area for a caravan, motor home and horse boxes for a temporary period)

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

Reference number

20080858

Condition number

1

Date (must be pre-application submission)

31/10/2011

Please state why a Lawful Development Certificate should be granted

The land has been used for commercial storage purposes for a continuous period in excess of 10 years

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)?

01-11-2011

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

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

If Yes, please complete the following information about the advice you were given (this will help the authority to deal with this application more efficiently):

Officer name:

Title

***** REDACTED *****

First Name

***** REDACTED *****

Surname

***** REDACTED *****

Reference

23/00197/BPPC

Date (must be pre-application submission)

17/01/2024

Details of the pre-application advice received

Advised to submit an existing lawful development certificate application

Interest in the Land

Please state the applicant's interest in the land

☐ Owner

☒ Lessee

☐ Occupier

☐ Other

If Lessee or Occupier, please give details of the owner and state whether they have been informed in writing of this application

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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

Samuel Chalmers-Stevens

Date

19/03/2024

Amendments Summary

Changes to applicant details on application form