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TIMELINE TO SUPPORT APPLICATION.

1938 ; Arthur and Alice Stroyan moved into 142 Riversvale, on Arthur's transfer to the Buxton operation of the Chatsworth Estate. (He was a Chatsworth estate employee). Arthur mowed and maintained an area behind the boundary fence of 142 Riversvale to provide a run for his chickens, a home for his saw horse and grinding wheel and a pleasant outlook to the rear of the house. In addition to this it was important to keep the area maintained since the house drainage runs through this area to a septic tank located in the woodland.

1962 ; Arthur Stroyan passed away and his son-in-law,Mr Herbert Shaw (my father) took over the maintenance of this area to allow easy access from his garage to his mother –in- laws (said garage is now a shed in the grounds of Riversvale Lodge) ,serving to maintain the chicken run and the access to the washing line.

1963 ; Alice Stroyan purchased 142 Riversvale from the Chatsworth Estates, following the sale of much of the Buxton Estate to cover Death Duties from the deaths of 9th and 10th Dukes of Devonshire in quick succession. She continued to use the ground to the rear of the house for her chickens and to dry her washing. Clothes posts were still in place when we moved into the property in 2002.

1966 ; Alice Stroyan died. Her daughter Elsie continued to use the area for washing although she no longer kept chickens.

1997; Elsie Stroyan died and 142 Riversvale passed to Jacqueline East (nee Shaw). A short time later Elsie's ashes were scattered on the ground behind 142's boundary as she had loved the woodlands.

1999 ; After some refurbishment the property was rented out to raise capital to allow Jacqueline East and her husband Michael to modernise and move into the property.

2002, ; Most of the internal work complete Mr and Mrs East moved into the property. The boundary fence between 142 and the surrounding "woodland" was in a dangerous state (comprising as it did chicken wire and metal stakes) and was removed. We moved onto the flagged area immediately behind said fence and mowed the grass, both to improve our aspect and to reinstate some of the childhood ambience for Jacqueline. (The old stone picnic table made for me as a child by Arthur was still there amongst the dog roses)

2008; First formal contact from Buxton Civic Association noting that we had requested to purchase the land from them and been refused in 2002. BCA also claiming contact 12 years previously,(we remain unclear about this since Miss Elsie Stroyan was still residing in the property).

Mr East spoke to Mr Martin Wragg from BCA about the letter and requested again to be allowed to purchase the land because of the family connections.

2009; Purchase of land from BCA completed and conditions imposed by them fulfilled ie fence erected around the land before commencing use as garden.