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STATUTORY APPLICATION IN SUPPORT OF A PLANNING APPLICATION

BY ARIANE LAWSON

I, Ariane Lawson, of the Old Co-op, 38 Church Street South, Old Glossop, Derbyshire, SK13 7RU (the Site), do declare as follows:

Introduction

1. I make this declaration in support of my application for a Certificate of Lawful Development in relation to the Site.

Background

2. I live at the Site.
3. I bought the Site with my husband in 1987 from Pat Seymour who ran an antique shop on the ground floor and lived in the flat above.

Use as a shop

4. I operated an antiques shop on the ground floor of the Site from 1989 to 1992.
5. During this period, I and my husband and two children lived on the first floor and the attic which we converted to children's bedrooms. The kitchen, lounge, bathrooms and bedrooms were on the first floor and in the attic.

Closure of the shop

6. In November 1992 I closed the shop at the Site, and moved that business to rented property on Henry Street, Glossop (I closed the business down completely in 1995/6)

Use since closure

7. Once my shop closed, the ground floor was used exclusively as part of my and my family's dwelling (my two children no longer live at home – they left for University in 2000 and 2002 respectively, and other than a period of one year in relation to my son, have not lived at the Site since. In the years since the shop closed, the rooms that were once used as part of the shop have been primarily used as an entrance hall, a second reception room / lounge where we all practice musical instruments (in my children's case, until they left home), welcome and entertain family and friends, and hold parties, a small utility room, and study areas, where the children did their homework, and where my husband and I do paperwork and (in his case) music practice associated with our teaching jobs (I am now retired).
8. For the avoidance of doubt, since my shop closed at the Site in 1992, no part of the Site has been used as a shop in any way whatsoever at any stage.

Supporting evidence

9. I also attach (in this order):
 - a. 9 statements given by friends, family and/or neighbours providing information in support of the account set out above and this planning application;

- b. 2 letters from our mortgage provider dated 03 08 93 and 09 09 93 which shows that we told the mortgage provider in or around that time that the use of part of the Site as a shop had ceased;
- c. My CV which I prepared more than 5 years ago (it does not show my retirement in 2009) which shows I ceased being an antiques dealer in 1995/1996 and commenced training to become a teacher, and subsequently worked as a school teacher. The CV lists employers who can verify my change in career to a teacher.
- d. An account statement from Atlantic Electric and Gas, dated 12 07 2011, which refers to 'domestic standard NSC'.
- e. A notification dated 02 06 2008 of price change for our 'Large domestic Gas Rate'.
- f. A NatWest letter dated 18 05 1998 which is a response to my concerns, expressed to them, that I was no longer able to pay into my pension scheme organised through them because it was only available to self-employed people, and I had ceased my self-employed business as an antiques dealer and was working as an employed teacher. In this letter, they refer to me having been 'self-employed at the time', showing I had told them prior to the date of the letter that I was no longer self-employed.

I make this solemn declaration conscientiously, believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of the Statutory Declarations Act 1835.

SIGNED and DECLARED AT

(address where signed) _____

This 12 day of May 2014

Signed _____

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Before me

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