

IN THE MATTER OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED)

Application: Certificate of lawful existing use or development in relation to use of land for commercial use/storage (B8)

Site: J.E Morten Ltd, Newfield Garage, Manchester Road, Tunstead Milton, Whaley Bridge, High Peak, SK23 7ER

I, Mr Robert Joule of 11, Park Road, Chapel en le Frith, High Peak, SK23-0LP, concerning the lawful use of the land at Newfield Garage, Manchester Road, Tunstead Milton as follows:-

- 1) I started work for J E Morten Ltd in the spring of 1983 as a lorry driver and have worked for JEML ever since with the exception of two periods when I had my own lorry. This was from 1989/93 and 1995/97
- 2) Until recently I was employed delivering animal feed but now I work in the workshop on vehicle maintains.
- 3) When employed delivering animal feed, which is a seasonal business, there were times when we were not very busy, mainly in the late summer as milk production was usually at its lowest and as a consequence demand for animal feed was at its lowest.
- 4) During this time, along with other employees, who also delivered animal feed, I usually worked in the yard and on vehicle maintenance. However, after the fields and yard known as Haycrust Farm came into the business, in 2003 myself and other employees were mostly employed in clearing the rubble up and cutting up the dead trees during the slack months.
- 5) The rubble which was mainly hard core and had been stored in the yard by the previous owner was used as base material on the south side of JEML's yard. A road way was constructed to the existing river crossing to access land on the north side of the railway line. Not only was a road way constructed but a yard was also constructed for parking and maneuvering lorries and trailers. This yard was mostly used for parking when we were not very busy on the feed. Over the years parts of the original yard have had to been reinforced as the hard core has been pushed through the underlying soil and grass has grown through the hardcore. The area where this has taken plan is shown on the plan attached as Exhibit 'A'.
- 6) I have not been involved in much work in the bottom yard in recent years other than to park vehicles and trailers there, as the nature of my employment with JEML has changed. I can however, confirm that the area shown on Exhibit A

continues to be used for the storage and parking of vehicles as it has been since the mid 2000 s after it was purchased by JEML.

I believe the facts and matters contained in this statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

Signed 

Date.....30/12/22.....

Mr Robert Joule

Attachments:

Exhibit 'A' Site plan

