

STATUTORY DECLARATION

STATUTORY DECLARATIONS ACT 1835

I, **Mrs Lacey Dexter**

of **Portmansford Farm, Tanyard Lane, Furners Green, Danehill, Uckfield, East Sussex, TN22 3RJ**

Date of Birth: **08/08/84** at (village, Town, City, Province, Country)

Current nationality: **BRITISH**

Passport Number **150923153**

I, **Mrs Lacey Dexter, of Portmansford Farm, Tanyard Lane, Furners Green, Danehill, Uckfield, East Sussex, TN22 3RJ, Farmer**, do solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:

1. I am the freehold owner and proprietor of Portmansford Farm, Furners Green, Danehill, East Sussex, and have been so for many years. I make this declaration from my own personal knowledge and recollection.
2. I have known Mr Mark Heath for in excess of 15 years, both personally and professionally, and during that time he has been engaged in agricultural activity associated with land at Portmansford Farm.
3. For a number of years, Mr Heath resided at Portmansford Farm as a tenant. During and following that period, and continuing to the present day, Mr Heath has occupied and farmed agricultural land at Portmansford Farm under a long-standing verbal and mutually agreed agricultural arrangement between us.
4. Under this arrangement, Mr Heath has been responsible for the day-to-day agricultural management of livestock and land at Portmansford Farm, including but not limited to:
 - The keeping, grazing and overwintering of cattle and calves;
 - General livestock husbandry;
 - Grassland management and field maintenance;
 - The cutting, making and provision of hay and other fodder for livestock;

- The use of his own agricultural machinery and equipment in connection with these activities.
5. In return for carrying out these agricultural activities, Mr Heath has been permitted to:
- Graze his own cattle and calves at Portmansford Farm during the summer months;
 - Overwinter livestock within existing agricultural buildings at the farm;
 - Store fodder and agricultural materials within farm buildings, by mutual agreement.
6. This agricultural arrangement has been continuous, stable and uninterrupted for many years and has at all times been operated on a cooperative and practical basis typical of working agricultural holdings. It has never been intended as a temporary or informal arrangement and has consistently supported genuine agricultural use of the land.
7. Mr Heath no longer resides at Portmansford Farm but continues to live locally. Notwithstanding this change in residence, the agricultural arrangement remains in place, and Mr Heath continues to occupy and farm land at Portmansford Farm as part of his wider agricultural enterprise.
8. As Mr Heath no longer resides at Portmansford Farm, he now requires his own independent agricultural storage facilities in order to continue the lawful and efficient operation of his farming activities, including the storage of agricultural machinery, equipment, tools and fodder used in connection with livestock husbandry carried out at Portmansford Farm and elsewhere within his agricultural holding.
9. I confirm that the agricultural activities carried out by Mr Heath at Portmansford Farm are genuine, ongoing and form part of a wider agricultural enterprise

operated by him under the trading name M.R. Heath, with land occupied and farmed at multiple locations.

10. I further confirm that Mr Heath's agricultural occupation and use of land at Portmansford Farm has been with my full knowledge and consent and that this declaration is given in support of his agricultural operations and any associated planning or permitted development matters arising from them.

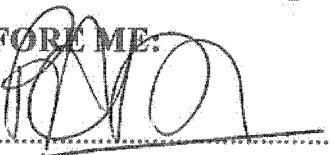
11. I make this declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath.

DECLARED AT:

[Place] MASON & BEER LLP
6 HIGH ST. EAST GRINSTEAD
WEST SUSSEX RH19 3AP
ON: 01342 311 255

[Date] 27th January 2026

BEFORE ME:


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Pamela Dorrington
Chartered Legal
Executive

[Signature of Solicitor / Commissioner for Oaths / Notary Public]

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SIGNED BY THE DECLARANT:


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[Signature of declarant]

[Full name in block capitals]

LACEY SUSSANNA OLGA DEXTER