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I am [REDACTED] and I was born in 1958 and grew up at Home Farm before I left in 1979.

My parents, [REDACTED] purchased the house from my Grandfather, [REDACTED] around 1957. I have cine film of my christening outside the front of the house in 1958.

Following the death of my father, Doug Farrar, the house is to be sold and is now under offer to [REDACTED] who is seeking to clarify the planning status of the three rooms and Pool House (detailed within the red line plan).

Over the years there were extensive repairs to the house, cottage and barns, including three extensions to the main house. With specific reference to the three rooms that are the subject of the Established Use application, I believe that the conversion was undertaken in 1963 with the swimming pool and studio room a few years later in 1970. The Pool House was constructed when the swimming pool was installed.

Second, my memories are clear as the room adjacent to the billiard room [Games Room], most recently used as an office, was my bedroom in my later teen years 1975 to 1979.

The studio room adjacent to the swimming pool was a big plus as I was a serious Scalextric fan and used the room to have an extensive layout that did not need to be cleared away after use.

Thirdly, I attach three photographs. Photo 1 was taken in the studio room adjacent to the swimming pool showing a party for my twin daughters birthday taken in 1990 when they were six years old, photographed with their younger sister and the entertainer for the party. The second and third photos are of my twin daughters in the same room, larking about on the 'gym bars'. These bars, still in place, were put up because my mother used to host a weekly gym class or keep-fit as she used to call it, in the 1980s.

Fourth, I attach statements written by my elder sister and two younger brothers. These give their memories of the use of the rooms and when they were converted.

Finally, there is a statement from [REDACTED] who worked for [REDACTED] as a housekeeper for 30+ years before she retired.

I hope this provides sufficient detail to confirm the historic use of the rooms.