

**Written Statement from Mr E Farrar.**

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 11 October 2025 15:31

[REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Home Farm, Brockhurst - Statement of history

Graeme,

Firstly, a brief history. Home Farm was purchased by [REDACTED] my grandfather, around 1950. My parents, [REDACTED] purchased the house from [REDACTED] around 1957. I was born in 1958 and we have cine film of my christening outside the front of the house probably late 1958. Following the death of my father, [REDACTED] the house is to be sold and is now under offer to your client, [REDACTED] who is seeking to clarify the planning status of the three rooms detailed below. 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 the conversion to create the three rooms to be part of the house was undertaken around the early 1970's. The three rooms are the billiard room, office (my former bedroom) and games room next to the swimming pool.

Second, my memories are clear as the room adjacent to the billiard room, most recently used as an office, was my bedroom in my later teen years around 1975 to 1979. The conversion of all three rooms was undertaken at the same time and, I believe, a couple of years after the swimming pool was built. The games 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 games room adjacent to the swimming pool showing a party for my twin daughters birthday probably 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, games 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, probably 40 or so years ago.

Fourth, I attach three emails 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 an email from [REDACTED] who worked for [REDACTED] as a cleaner for 30+ years.

I hope the above is sufficient for the application but please contact me if further information or clarification is required.

Regards

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