

I am Mr. Graham Upton of Bosky Cottage, Buncton Lane, Bolney RH17 5RJ, and I do solemnly and sincerely declare and say as follows:-

1. I am giving this declaration in support of PJ Brown (Civil Engineering) Ltd (“the Appellant”) regarding their appeal at “*Land east of Dan Tree Farm, A23, Bolney*” (“the Site”), as shown on the plan attached at **GU1**.
2. I have farmed on and around Bolney Park Farm since about 1980. The property was owned at the time by Mr and Mrs Wright. When Mr and Mrs Rawlins moved in about February 1998, I advised them about the situation on the farm, and the state that it was in. The farm was in a very dilapidated condition with excavations and clutter everywhere.
3. Along with the land reclamation which began in 2001, the improvement to the property, through the restoration of Bolney Park Farm, has been immense. The reclamation was finished in the end of 2007, and I started to replant in conjunction with Mr Rawlins, as it was finishing with some remedial work ongoing in early 2008. Mr Rawlins then improved the track around the farm and planted several thousand trees. Most of which have taken.
4. Browns have been using the yard for some time. They were originally involved in the land reclamation works, and had used the yard for storage purposes. Subsequently, I understand once they had fulfilled their role in the land reclamation project they entered into discussions with Mr. Rawlins about staying on at the yard and continuing operations from there.
5. I can confirm that the yard used by Browns was established in 2008, after the land reclamation was completed, and after Mr. Rawlins eventually rejected plans by Quadrilla for Fracking. Browns’ operations on the yard have always been separate to the other activities that have been ongoing in the wider area.

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

DECLARED BY THE ABOVE NAMED GRAHAM UPTON BEFORE ME

Solicitor

THIS DAY OF 2023

Exhibit GU1

