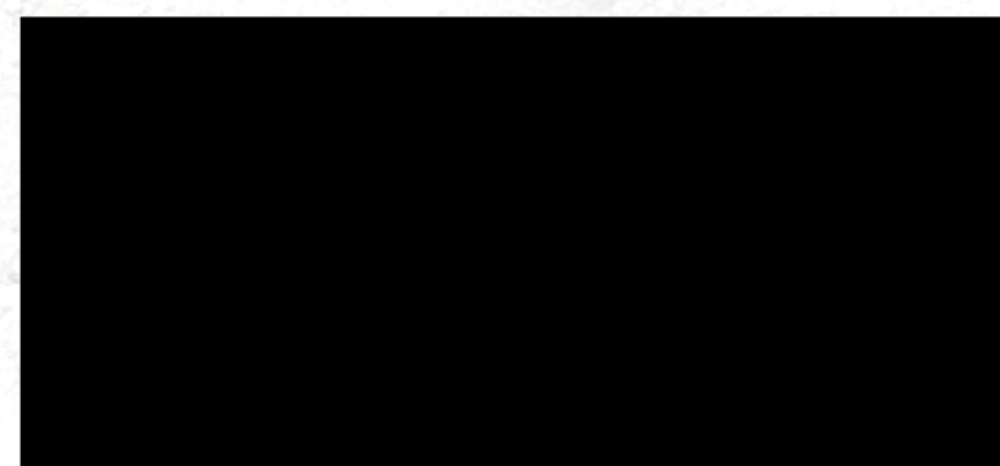
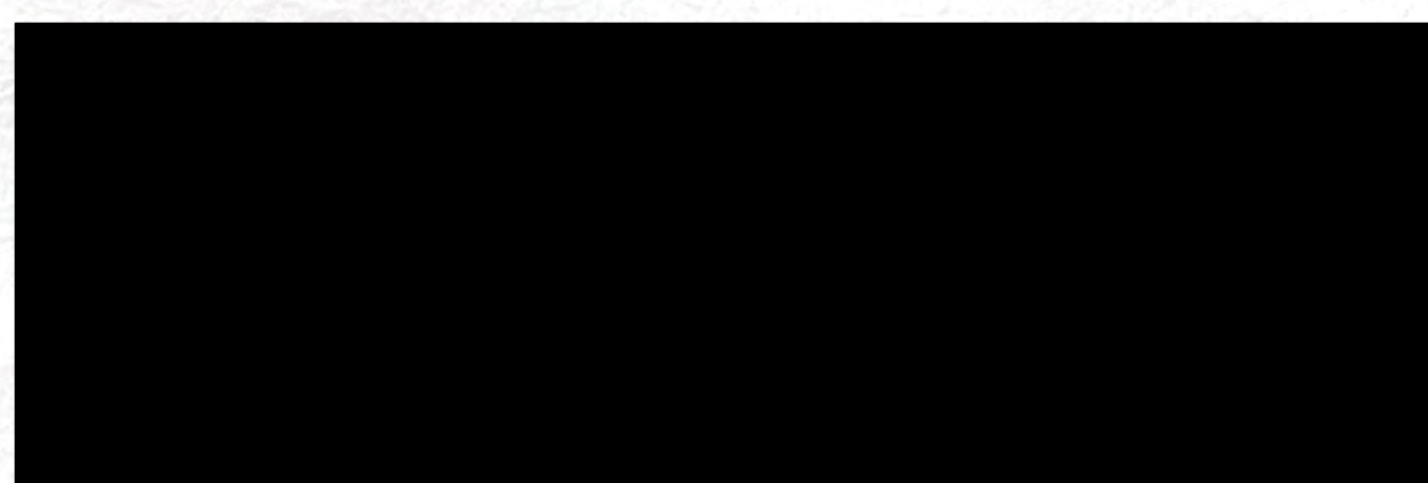


Dated 24th October 2025

James Fisher

STATUTORY DECLARATION

In support of an application for a certificate of lawful use under section 191 of the Town and Country Planning Act as amended by the Planning and Compensation Act 1991 in respect of Holme Park Farm, Holme Park Farm Lane, RG4 6SX.



Declaration:

I (James Fisher) together with family, have owned Holme Park Farm since 1975, which includes the land edged red on attached Location Plan 51007-CL-P1-01 v1. My father, [REDACTED] originally purchased Dairy Cottage, a property on the farm, back in 1954. Some years later (the mid-1970s) he was able to buy the farmyard and land, enabling the demolition of a collection of farm cottages, paving the way for a new Holme Park Farmhouse.

Barn Cottage, the subject of this application for a certificate of lawful use, which is actually part of the listed barn, was already in partial domestic use and was a remnant of the aforementioned farm cottages. That was around mid-1970's.

During the 1970's I took up showjumping as a serious 'hobby' and our first groom lived in Barn Cottage circa 1979. Over a period of time, the old farm buildings, which had been used for keeping a variety of different animals, gradually became a more serious stable yard. Along the way it became necessary for the enterprise, which became a business, to require an onsite dwelling for grooms/students. Barn Cottage was ideal, and it has been used as a dwelling for grooms since around 1979, which was the year construction began on Holme Park Farmhouse. Although very compact, Barn Cottage has its own kitchen, bathroom, living room and three small bedrooms, and has always been used as a separate dwelling to Holme Park Farmhouse.

The equestrian training facilities were always situated away to the West of the old farmyard stable complex. This included an indoor riding school, stables for young horses and an open agricultural hay barn. The outdoor menage is also adjacent to this facility. In 2021 we implemented plans to move the equestrian business over from the old farmyard to make a more centralised operation and this exercise was completed in 2023.

Having lived on Holme Park Farm all my life and witnessing the way it has evolved I can honestly claim that Barn Cottage has been used as a dwelling for the last 45 years.

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

James Fisher

Declared at:

Town Gate, Basingstoke (full address on stamp below)
On the date of 24th of October 2025

Before me:

SARAH PARKER, SOLICITOR

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