

STATUTORY DECLARATION

1. I, Samuel David Skinner, of Tamella, The Bridleway, Brook Lane, Botley, SO30 2ER, am a director of SDS Roofing Services Ltd whose registered office is Tagus House, 9 Ocean Way, Southampton, Hampshire, United Kingdom, SO14 3TJ.
2. My yard is located on land to the north side of The Bridleway, Brook Lane, Botley, SO30 2ER ("the Site") as set out on the attached Site plan. The site is also known as 'Beech Ridge'.
3. SDS Roofing Services is my own company which I formally registered in 2015, to formalise my existing use of the yard. Many of my clients have been working with me since before I formally registered the company, as they have testified in their statements.
4. I took over the yard from my father, Garth Skinner, in 2007. He used the land for mostly agricultural storage associated with his strawberry packaging business. As the strawberry packaging business declined, the building materials storage element of the use increased, from around 2000 up until 2007.
5. Since 2007, the building materials storage use took over from the agricultural storage use and became the only use on the site.
6. The building materials stored include tiles, bricks, blocks, timber batten, roof felt, aggregate, sand, and rubble.
7. The building materials storage use flourished, and by 2010, it soon became clear that the pedestrian access into the site from the western side, over the ditch, needed to be formalised into a vehicular access. So, in 2010, I had two loads of crushed concrete delivered with the intention of extending the vehicular access to the west of the site, directly into the site over the ditch.
8. At this point in time (2011/2012) deliveries and collections were around 15-20 times a month, and have remained at this level ever since.
9. In late 2011, together with timber sleepers positioned over the ditch, this aggregate was used to make the (side) vehicular access into the site from the west. This allowed lorries, trucks and vans to drive into the yard itself rather than having to move materials by hand into and out of the yard from vehicles parked on the land adjacent to the site, to the west.
10. The building materials have always been stacked up against and around the trees within the yard, with some of the smaller trees removed during the winter of 2011 to make access around the site a little easier. The larger trees remained, however, which accounts for the tree cover shown on the various Google Earth images previously referred to by the LPA.
11. Since 2007, my yard has continuously involved accepting deliveries of building materials from builders merchants and the collections of building materials from various loyal clients, mostly small housing developers.
12. Several of my clients have provided statements confirming their use of the site for the storage, collection and delivery of building materials over at least the past ten years. I have also both collected and delivered building materials to clients myself, using my own flat-bed

truck, transit vans and a battery fork lift. There have never been more than approximately 6 vehicles parked on the site.

13. I have never collected or delivered commercial waste. Alongside the building materials storage use, I have only ever stored small quantities of my own domestic building waste when carrying out small domestic projects.
14. In December 2019, I decided to create a new front access, directly into the site from The Bridleway. This made it easier for delivery drivers to find the yard.
15. The types of building materials stored on site has not changed since 2007. Neither has the quantity stored. My clients are loyal clients and I've not needed to develop the business or increase the number or frequency of collections or deliveries in that time.
16. I decided to fell the larger trees on the site in December 2019/January 2020 simply to make it easier to manoeuvre vehicles around the site for more efficient collections and deliveries. Whilst this has made the use of the yard more visually apparent to some people in the area that may not have noticed its use before, the level of usage of this site has been the same since 2007.
17. My neighbours and my clients have all been willing to testify to the usage of my yard over at least the last 10 years, knowing of its presence and level of usage prior to the removal of the larger trees.
18. I have attached a sample selection of copies of client receipts over the period required. However, there are many more that can be provided if required.

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

DECLARED AT BOTLEY
IN THE COUNTY OF HAMPSHIRE
ON 2ND FEBRUARY 2024
BEFORE FOR ME

Sign

EMMA BARRETT, SOLICITOR

A commissioner for oaths or a solicitor empowered to administer oaths.

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Land North of Brook Lane, Botley

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