

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (as amended)

**Appeal on behalf of Maurice Doe
[CCW Services Ltd]**

Against the decision of Eastleigh Borough Council to refuse a Certificate of Lawful Existing
Use or Development

at

Broadway Farm,
Broad Oak,
Botley
SO30 2EU

LPA Reference: LDC/23/95111

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Proof of Evidence

Gavin Boxall

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1 Personal Details

1.1 Gavin Boxall, of 76 Palmyra Road, Gosport, Hampshire PO12 2EH.¹

1.2 For the last 19 years I have worked for CCW Services, more recently in Warehouse Maintenance at CCW Services Ltd. Broadway Farm, Botley, Hampshire. When I started work in 2004, I was an agency driver, driving vehicles up to 7.5 tonnes, working alongside Jon Moore. I would collect roll cages for Jon to weld and collect pallets on the lorries for reconditioning (pallet manufacturing). After Jon taught me to weld, I began to also get involved in welding.

1.3 My current role now involves maintenance, moving the lorries around on site, and setting up the yard.

2 Works

2.1 When we were making and repairing pallets some nineteen years ago, I would be driving lorries and trailers around the yard as well as to customers further away. I would drive vehicles onto the grass area identified on the Plans 1² and 2³).

2.2 I recall some of the trailers getting stuck in the field which had to be pulled back into the yard with tractors because we could not drive them.

¹ CD - A19

² CD – A3 – Location Plan and Block Plan

³ CD – A4 – Plan of the Parking Apron

- 2.3 Around 2006, I remember Jon and me moving all the trailers and vehicles off the grassed area so that the contractor could prepare the ground to lay the concrete grasscrete. The results were wonderful because we could drive on and off the grasscrete area much easier, moving the trailers back and forth into the yard with pallets and other materials on the trailers.
- 2.4 Since then, we have been regularly using the grasscrete parking area for storage and parking with trailers. I have been driving all sorts of lorries and vans onto the site for years since before 2006 but with the grasscrete base, it really has made life so much cleaner and easier to drive on and off.
- 2.5 I remember the works being done in 2020 to add tarmac to make it easier still to move vehicles. I didn't have any role in the works themselves. The biggest benefit has been when loading lorries, the ground is more stable.

3 Use of the Site

- 3.1 Throughout the past 17+ years - from 2006 until today, the numbers of vehicles and trailers coming on and off the site, have varied depending on supply demands of the company's customers. Sometimes lorries were in Europe for a week but other times there were more for parking in the evenings when they had finished work.
- 3.2 The land, as shown by the red line on Plan 1⁴, has been used continuously for the parking of the vehicles and trailers since 2006. Throughout that time, I have been driving vehicles on and off the parking apron and continue to this day.

⁴ CD – A3 – Location and Block Plan

4 Summary

- 4.1 In summary, I have been using the parking apron since before 2006 when it was just grass, in fact since 2004 when I first started working for CCW. I recall the grasscrete apron being laid down in 2006 after which it became so much easier to move vehicles including trailers. I also recall the tarmacadam being laid in 2020. It has been and remains my job today to help move trailers and lorries on and off the parking area.

Signed

Gavin Boxall