

I, **GAVIN ALEXANDER FROOD**, of 32 Rye Grass Way, Braintree, Essex, CM7 1GL do **SOLEMNLY AND SINCERELY DECLARE** as follows;

- 1 I am the freehold owner of the property known as Old House Farm, Braxted Road, Kelvedon, Essex, CO5 9BT (the Woodyard) as shown outlined red on the attached plan "Site Plan".
- 2 I currently trade under the name of B G A Frood and Co. I am the sole trader of this business.
- 3 I have operated my business B G A Frood and Co from the Woodyard since September 2004. B G A Frood and Co has been operating as a business in Maldon district since the late 1980s and in 2004 I relocated my existing yard to the Woodyard as this was a parcel of land owned freehold solely by me.
- 4 B G A Frood and Co had previously been located at Burghey Brook Farm in Rivenhall and relocated due to Old House Farm because Burghey Brook Farm was rented and not owned freehold. This meant that I could develop and grow the timber processing business on a freehold site and invest in infrastructure. Due to this relocation in 2004, without Old House Farm, I had no other premises whereby I could operate my timber processing yard from.
- 5 Since 2004 I have developed the site with agricultural buildings to support my hay and straw business, and developed the Woodyard to store my imported wood from woodlands that I manage on a contract basis throughout Essex.
- 6 In the period from 1 September 2004 through into 2005, I imported my first timber stacks to Old House Farm within the area edged red on the Site Plan.
- 7 B G A Frood and Co carries out a variety of forestry work and the Woodyard is our operational base.
- 8 We store the imported timber from our forestry management arrangements in lengths of stacked timber. The timber is then seasoned and rotated around the stacks. The felling season for our business is between 1 September to 1 March in any year and the volume of wood stored at the Woodyard peaks at the end of the season and is then rotated, cut, split and processed between 1 March to 1 September. Subject to the wood having seasoned well, we also split and store the timber outside of these months during the winter.

- 9 The operations on site also require the use of chain saws for cutting smaller timber lengths.

I MAKE THIS DECLARATION conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of the Statutory Declarations Act 1835


GAVIN ALEXANDER FROOD

Declared at 

In the County of Essex

This 20th day of September 2018

Before me 

(Commissioner for Oaths / Solicitor)

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Site Plan - Old House Farm, Kelvedon Road, Kelvedon, Colchester, Essex, CO5 9BT

referred to in a Statutory Declaration made by Gavin Alexander Wood made before me
As 20th Sept 2018



