STATUTORY DECLARATION OF TIMOTHY ANDREW SHATTOCK

Relating to

Land off Moor Lane, Loughborough

I, TIMOTHY ANDREW SHATTOCK of APB (Leicester) LLP, Blaby Hall, Church Street, Blaby, Leicester LE8 4FA make this Statutory Declaration and I do solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:

- I make this Statutory Declaration concerning Land off Moor Lane, Loughborough ("the Site"). The Site is shown edged red on the Plan attached to this Statutory Declaration at Exhibit TS1.
- 2. I am a Chartered Surveyor of almost 40 years' experience and a partner in APB, which is practice of Chartered Surveyors. I have been involved with the Site and the surrounding areas since Sowden Group, for whom I act and have acted for 35 years, first acquired its interest in the adjoining land in 2003. Since that time I have been involved in detail in all discussions with the local planning authority including the submission of a number of planning applications for a variety of uses
- 3. A short while after Sowden purchased its land, as the development was intended to cover a wider area, I instructed Greenhatch to carry out a topographical survey of the Site and adjoining areas owned by Sowden. This was dated 6th April 2004 and a copy of that survey is attached as Exhibit TS2. Although the Site was still being used as an operating waste transfer station it is this topographical survey that was used for the BWB Flood Risk Assessment that was submitted as part of 2012 application. I see in the Council's case that this is referred to as a 2013 survey – it is not.
- 4. It can be seen from an extract from Google Earth in 2011 that the waste transfer operation had expanded rapidly and by that point was using almost 50% of the Site. See attached Exhibit TS3. I note in the Councils Enforcement Notice they seem to be suggesting that this particular image is from 2018. This is simply incorrect as Google Earth images from 2016 show. See attached Exhibit TS3.
- 5. On 20 December 2013 planning permission ("the Permission") was granted by Charnwood Borough Council ("the Council") for the erection of 38 dwellings to phase 1 and outline application for residential development and community building pursuant to application reference P/12/2130/2 made by the Company. The Permission related to the Site and other land. In so far as relevant to the Site, the Permission authorised the use of the Site for a community building and public park.
- 6. Pursuant to the Permission, on 16 December 2013, a Section 106 Agreement was completed between (1) the Council, (2) the Company, (3) F S Protector Limited, (4) Hugh

Joseph Gallagher and Linda Gallagher ("the S106 Agreement"). The S106 provided for the Site to be cleared, levelled and fenced and also for the provision of the community building and public park on the Site subject to certain requirements and procedures. Extensive discussions were held with the Council in this regard, however I was told that due to a lack of funding on the Council's part, the requirements were subsequently not met by the Council and the provisions in the S106 Agreement relating to the community building and public park were released.

- 7. Sowden commenced development of its land in May 2014 and this involved a large cut and fill exercise on Phases 1&2 to avoid retaining walls and a large cart away of material. This was overseen by its engineers BWB. The first property was sold on 17th June 2016. This phase of the site was completed construction wise in 2018 with the last few sales dragging over into 2019.
- Part of the planning involved the clearing and levelling of the Site and this was carried out in the latter stages of 2014 and certainly by the end of 2015 was virtually completed. See Google Earth images showing works, exhibit TS4
- 9. It was around this time that discussions were opened with Charnwood Borough Council about the Community Building. Architects Franklin Ellis were appointed to design the building and they produced some drafts. However Council planners said that there was no funding for such a building (it was a time of government cuts), no-one to run it and noone to give instructions as to how it should operate or be designed
- 10. As Phases 1 and 2 of the main consented scheme were proving reasonably successful Sowden proposed a joint venture to the Gallaghers to build out the properties on part of their land (Phase 3). This started in April 2018 and took just over a year to complete. This site was built completely on piled foundations to avoid any excess material being created
- 11. Discussions had been ongoing for some time at this point with CBC planners and the Carillion Cricket Club (who needed a better facility themselves) to establish whether, if we got some enabling development on the Site (or the area that was earmarked for the Community Building ie out of the floodplain) then we could probably extend the cricket club to include a community building which was clearly much needed by the Community. We must have had a dozen meetings with the cricket club/ Council/Local Community on this.
- 12. As there had been no levels survey since 2004 (ie 14 years) and as the site had been an operational Waste Transfer for at least 10 of those years even the planners accepted that with the operation ongoing they could not keep a track on the levels I appointed

- BWB to carry out a topographical survey. This was carried out on 26th July 2018 and is attached Exhibit TS5.
- 13. If you compare the 2004 survey and the 2018 survey the difference between them can easily be explained by the levelling of what was on there and also the disturbance of the ground which, of course, increases its volume of soil in the short to medium term.
- 14. Early in 2019 we became aware of fly tipping on the Site following a call from the Council. It was just after the time that the Environment Agency was removing trees from the brook next to the cricket club.
- 15. It was therefore agreed that a security bund be provided at the edge of the road and this was done as a completely separate operation in June/ July that year. At a similar time the spoil bund was removed from the Site.
- 16. A planning application for the enabling development including the extension of the cricket club was submitted in March 2021 it was refused with one of the main reason being levels. When I spoke with the Environment Agency they didn't seem to have an issue with it. We knew that other than a security bund and the removal of the spoil heap the levels hadn't changed since July 2018.
- 17. I carried out a topographical survey myself for the previous application. I wasn't that confident it its accuracy as the stations were some distance away and many obstructions in the way. As such, I undertook this Topographical survey again in September 2022 and asked Staniforth Architects to overlay that survey data on to the 2018 survey data. A copy of the survey plan is attached at Exhibit TS6 with the red points showing the 2022 levels and the black points showing the 2018 levels
- 18. I can confirm that the levelling works were all undertaken and completed before the end of 2015 and certainly by July 2018 as evidenced by the 2018 survey with the only other engineering works undertaken on site after that date being the creation of the security bund and the removal of the spoil heap. Any change in site levels after 2018 were the result of works associated with the security bund and removal of spoil heap or due to the general changes inherent with disturbed land such as that caused by taking machinery over it, weather, especially rain and settlement of the soil.

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

Timothy Andrew Shattock

At

BHW Solicitors Limited

1 Smith Way Grove Park, Enderby Leicester, LE19 1SX This 2nd day of August 2023

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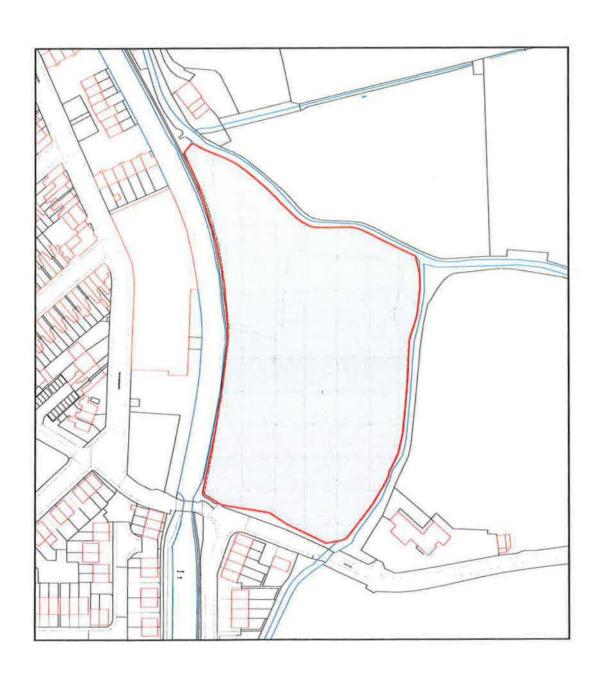
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Exhibit TS1 - Site Plan

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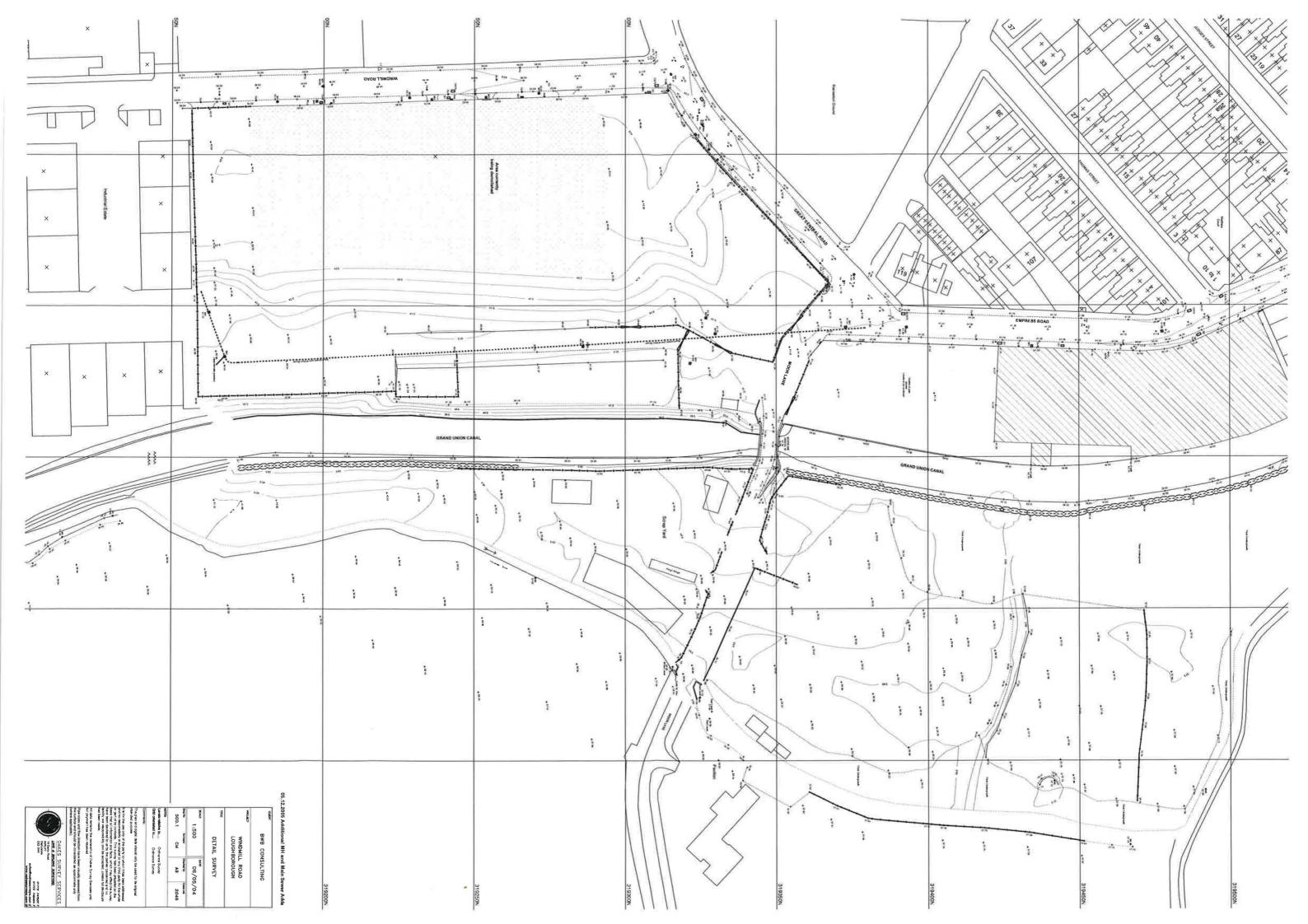
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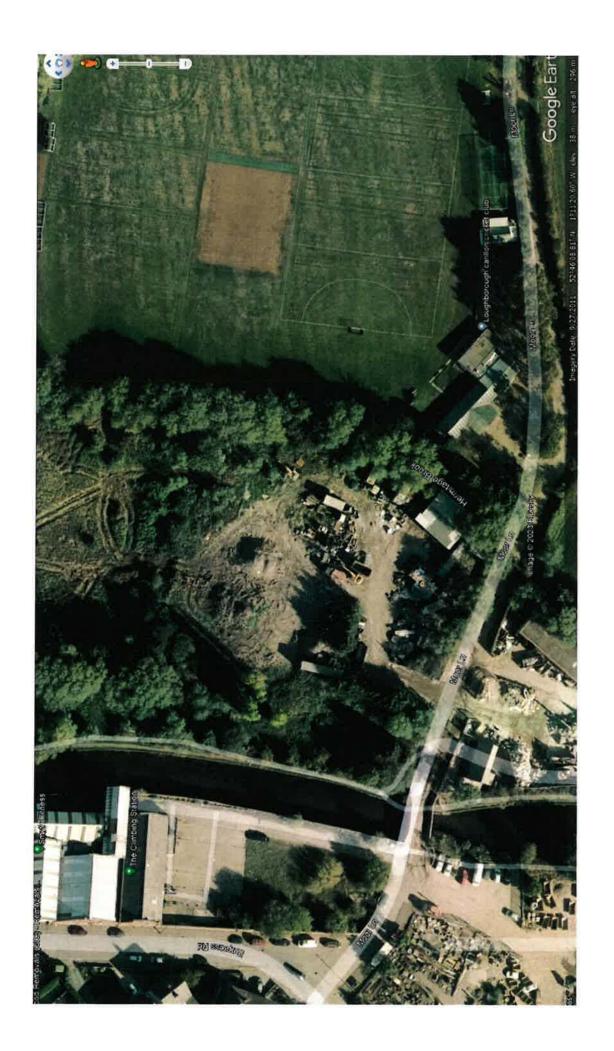
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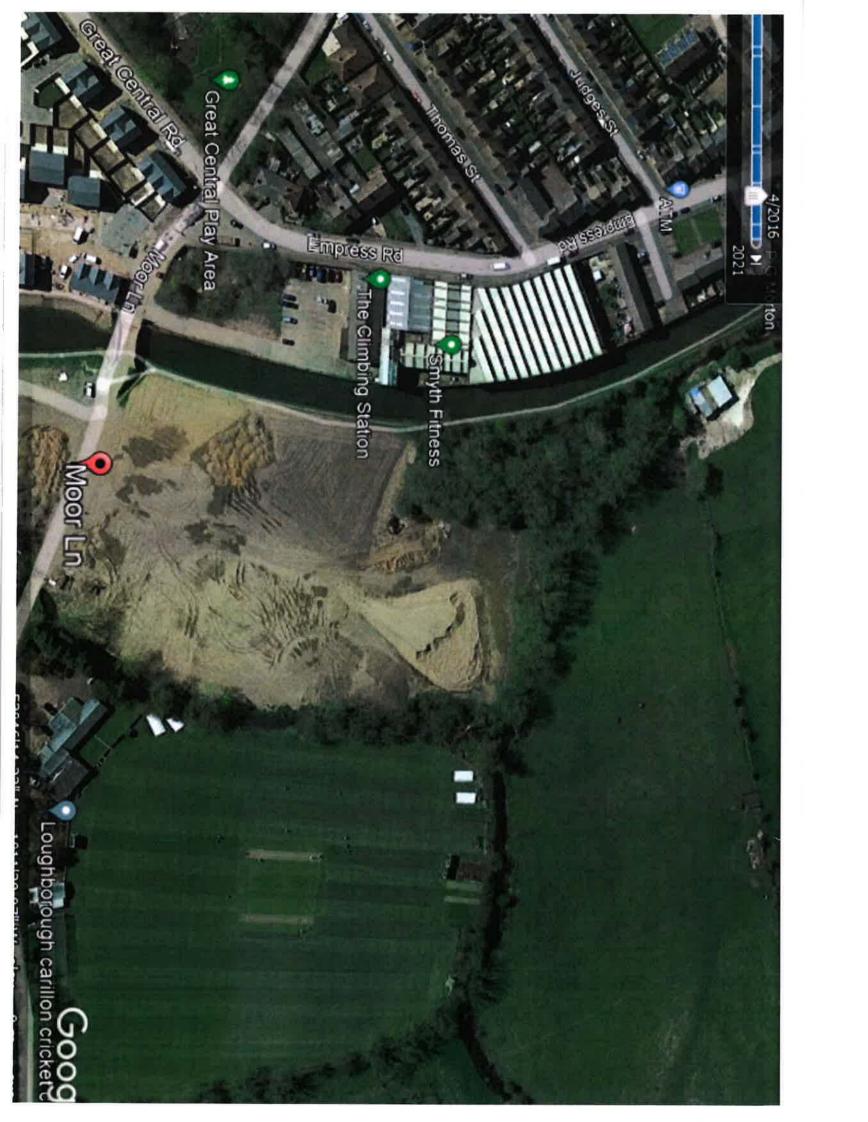


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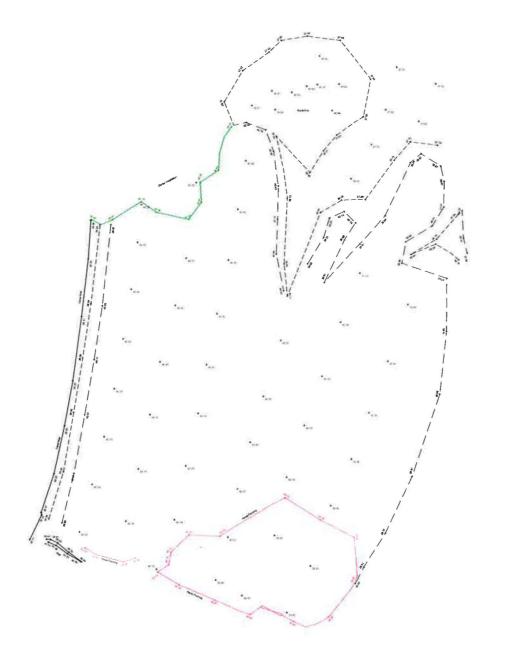


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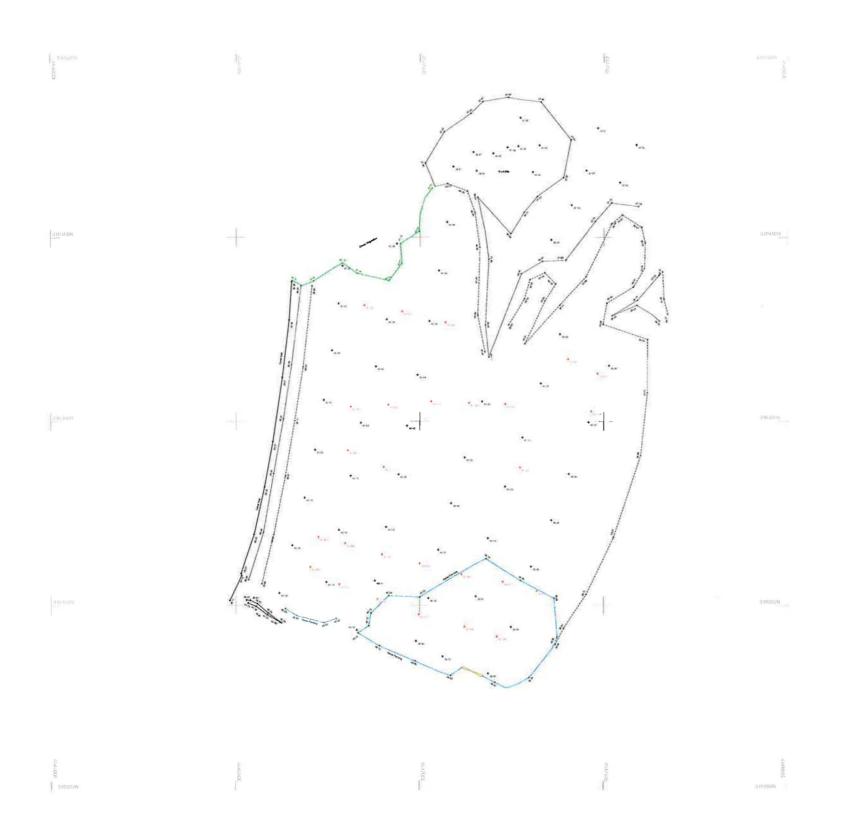
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