

Statement by S Mather
Filed on behalf of the Claimant
Dated: 6th February 2024

Claim No

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

KINGS BENCH DIVISION

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT REGISTRY

BETWEEN

WYCHAVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Claimant

v

MEGAN KIMBERLEY DAVIS

AND

JIMMY JOHNSON

AND

“PERSONS UNKNOWN”

Defendant(s)

STATEMENT


I, Samuel Mather, Senior Planning Enforcement Officer for Wychavon District Council, Civic Centre, Queen Elizabeth Drive, Pershore, Worcestershire, WR10 1PT make this witness statement as follows:

1. I am employed by Wychavon District Council (“the Council”) as a Senior Planning Enforcement Officer. My duties include the investigation of alleged breaches in the planning process under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) and the representation of the Authority in Court on matters of fact.
2. I confirm that I am authorised to make this statement on the Local Planning Authority’s behalf and information contained in this statement is taken from records held by the Local Planning Authority (“the LPA”). The planning enforcement file reference is W/ENF/23/0242.

3. A site inspection was conducted to the site known as former Old Clayfield Barn Clayfield Road Bretforton on 17th January 2024. The site inspection was conducted by myself and Victoria Stevens (planning enforcement officer). The Inspection was conducted to display details of the hearing on the premises.
4. During the site inspection it was noted that the details of the injunction displayed upon the premises on 8th December 2023 had been removed. The site remained unchanged since the last site inspection.
5. Photographs of the site inspection are exhibited as **SM01**
6. I received an email from West Mercia Police on 18th January 2024, they advised they had witnessed the displayed information on site advising of the proposed hearing.
7. On 1st February 2024 a site visit was undertaken by myself and Paul Jones (planning enforcement officer). The details of the hearing displayed on the last site inspection had been removed from the site.
8. The site remained unchanged since the last inspection, there were no persons on site and no further works appeared to have been undertaken. Photographs from the site inspection exhibited **SM02**

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Jones', written over a horizontal line.

Date: 6th February 2024