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5 April 2023

Dear Mr. Gee

Barn at Abbotts Hall, Woodhey Farm, Woodhey Road, Ramsbottom

I am writing to explain my knowledge of the use of the building I refer to as the barn, which is associated with Woodhey Farm (Abbotts Hall).

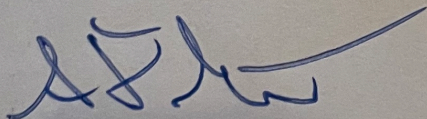
My name is Andrew Paton and, for most of my life, I have been registered farmer based at Birch Farm, Edgworth.

As part of my farming activities I tend to agricultural land owned by other parties, which is very common in the world of farming.

I have known Mr. and Mrs. Abbott for many years, and from 2011 onwards I have consistently assisted them (and continue to do so) in managing their agricultural land at Abbotts Hall. That has involved basic drainage and levelling works, repairing tracks and access arrangements, and cutting, storing and removing hay and silage from their land. Throughout that period (since 2011 and ongoing) I have utilised the barn at Abbotts Hall for the storage of my machinery and for the storage of hay, and I am aware that Mr. Abbott also used the building to store certain agricultural implements that he has owned during that period.

I also recall that part of the building was used for a period of time for some kind of fish related use, but I had nothing to do with that and I cannot recall any precise dates. I know this occurred quite soon after I started to tend the land and it seemed to occur for some years afterwards, but I am not fully familiar with the details or exact timescales.

I hope this letter is helpful and will be taken as read by whoever needs to see it. While I would prefer not to do so (I am too busy!), if I really have to do so, I confirm that I am prepared to convert this statement into a sworn affidavit and ask my solicitor to sign it off.



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Andrew Paton

This day of 5th April 2023