

My name is Mr Stephen Thomas former owner of Langley Lane Farm.

I was originally the tenant at Langley Farm between 1998 to 2018, subsequently then owner between 2018 to 2022.

A Location Plan is appended showing the extent of land in question.

I have set out usage of the land in chronological order, obtained from my own first-hand experience and a recollection of events.

1969

- Mr. Newell rented the property and land as a Poultry and Beef farm.
- 50 Beef Cattle
- 16,000 poultry / day old rearing to end of life.
- Many poultry cabins were erected for production at that time.
- Farm shop opened for sale of Produce (Eggs) and other products for wholesale and retail. Shop operated 7 days a week.
- Mr. Newall ran the business until 1998 when he retired, the tenancy was taken over by me (Stephen Thomas)

1988

- I rented Langley Lane farm as a poultry and Beef farm with the business operating as a Farm shop and Market stall.
- 20 cattle.
- 16,000 poultry
- The business was severely impacted by salmonella, and Bovine spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE mad cow disease) economic changes in public shopping habits and lower supermarket competition, led me to diversify the business in 1995.

1995

- An agreement was reached with the landlord to change the use upon the tenancy agreement to allow for stabling and grazing of horses with 7 days a week public access.
- The onsite facilities were "self-managed" by owners of horses; however, the site was not classed as livery services.
- A Paddock was constructed for training purposes and managed by owners of horses rather than me.
- The poultry business ceased with the land being used solely for equestrian use. The extent of which, is reflected within the accompanying location plan.
- Disused poultry cabins were demolished, whilst the remaining sole cabin was converted into housing horses.
- Remaining building were subdivided internally to create 33 stabling cubicles.
- Appropriate Insurance was taken out with the N.F.U. for stabling of horses.

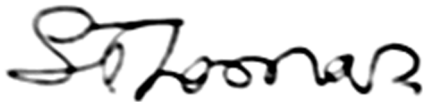
2011

- Agreement was reached with Taylor Wimpey and the landlord in 2011 for 14 acres of the land currently within the terms of a lease to me to be released for construction of open market housing.
- Planning consent was granted in 2016 for housing.
- With a reduction of grazing land then available, the stabling and grazing business suffered a decline.

2022

- I chose to sell the farm, having ceased trading that same year.
- Stabling and appropriate insurances were cancelled.

Best Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Thomas'.

Mr. S. Thomas

