

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

APPEAL REFERENCE : APP/L1765/C/22/3300697

**RE: LAND AT SHEDFIELD EQUESTRIAN CENTRE, BOTLEY ROAD, SHEDFIELD, HAMPSHIRE,
SO32 2HN**

SECTION 174 APPEAL BY: CHRISTOPHER IAN COLLINS

STATEMENT OF CALLUM DAVID BEVIS

I, CALLUM DAVID BEVIS of 9 Cannock Walk, Fareham, PO14 1JZ state as follows:-

1. The facts to which I refer in this statement are within my own knowledge except where I indicate otherwise. Where facts are within my own knowledge, I know they are true. Where I am informed of facts by others, I believe them to be true.
2. I am a director of Southern Blast and Paint Ltd (SBP) which company was incorporated on 20 June 2020.
3. The business of SBP is the repair, restoration and maintenance of vehicles and plant. We shot blast and paint agricultural vehicles and equipment, commercial vehicles, construction plant and machinery, gates and other metal structures.
4. We have occupied the premises which are the subject of Mr Collins's enforcement notice appeal (Site) since June 2020. In 2020 we were looking for suitable premises for our business. We met with Mr Christopher Collins who gave us the opportunity to locate our business at the Site.
5. Most of our customers are based in Hampshire. It is difficult for a company like ours to find small general industrial premises with yards in South Hampshire. We cannot afford the cost of premises on industrial estates in urban areas because rental costs are very high. Also, the nature of our business is unattractive to landlords of these industrial estates.
6. Often the most suitable premises are at former agricultural buildings which provide us with affordable rent and the space to carry out our business.

7. At the Site we are paying a rent of £1,312 per month. If comparable premises could be found on a South Hampshire urban industrial estate the monthly rent is likely to be in excess of £4,000. This is beyond our budget.
8. We have two permanent employees and we employ or contract others to work for the business from time to time to meet customer demands. The location of the Site is very suitable for the nature of our business and the customer base.
9. If the appeal is unsuccessful and we are required to relocate, we shall need time to find alternative premises before we can move off the Site. Certainly, we could not do this within 6 months.
10. Given the short supply of suitable business premises in Hampshire, I believe we will need a period of 12 to 15 months to allow for us to firstly find another site, and then to instruct solicitors to carry out the legal work for the process and completion of the new lease. Finally, we would need time to relocate and move our plant, machinery and equipment from the Site to the new premises. This would take another 1 to 2 months. Also, I note that if the appeal is unsuccessful Mr Collins will need to do works on the Site and he would require additional time to carry out the reinstatement works after we have vacated the Site.


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Callum David Bevis

Dated: 8 August 2022