

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPEAL PURSUANT TO SECTION 195 OF THE TOWN AND
COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 CONCERNING:

The Firs Lodge, 289 – 291 Bath Road,

Hounslow TW3 3DB

STATUTORY DECLARATION OF

I, [REDACTED]

of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] currently retired, DO HEREBY SOLEMNLY AND SINCERELY DECLARE THAT:

1. I make this declaration in support of the appeal relating to the property known as The Firs Lodge, situated at 289–291 Bath Road, Hounslow, TW3 3DB, which is currently under consideration by the Planning Inspectorate in proceedings by way of inquiry.
2. I have been familiar with this property since 2002, and I have known the owners for approximately 25 years, as the property is located within the same neighbourhood where I have resided since 1988. Throughout this entire period, I have consistently observed the premises being operated as a Bed and Breakfast, widely known in the local area as “The Firs Lodge.” Its continuous use as a B&B has been a longstanding and well-recognised part of the local community.
3. In my former role as a local councillor, I visited the area regularly and personally observed guests entering and leaving the property. On one occasion, I recall attending a birthday celebration held in the backyard of the premises. Over the years, the property has clearly displayed signage identifying it as “The Firs Lodge.” I also recall receiving promotional leaflets at my residence, and the B&B was visibly advertised via signboards placed at the property.

4. As part of my routine activities, I frequently passed the property while travelling to and from my local church. I served as a local councillor until my retirement from public office [REDACTED]. Following this, I was approached by [REDACTED] appointed as [REDACTED] a role which required me to scale back my local public service commitments.
5. I was present in 2011 when enforcement action was taken in relation to the property. At that time, in my capacity as a councillor, I intervened in the matter. It was clarified during that process that 289–291 bath road were considered immune from enforcement action. However, an outbuilding at the rear of the property was subsequently demolished, and the enforcement case was closed thereafter.
6. The use of the premises as a B&B has, to the best of my knowledge and belief, been continuous from the time of purchase from [REDACTED] who operated it as a Row's as a running guest house prior to 2002, with all necessary statutory requirements.

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

[REDACTED]
Signature of the Declarant

Declared at:

[REDACTED]
This1.....7 July 2025

Before me:

[REDACTED]