

Statement of: Kerry Dart

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I believe that the facts contained in this witness statement are true. I make this statement knowing that it will be used to support a forthcoming planning application.

I wish to make it clear that I do not stand to benefit financially or in any other way from the provision of this statement. This statement is simply provided as statement of fact with the intention of assisting the Local Planning Authority to arrive at a correct determination.

I have been employed by Paul and Aly Englefield of Highdown Vineyard, Littlehampton Road, Ferring, Worthing, West Sussex, BN12 6PG for almost 10 years. The vineyard is a popular and well known venue for functions in the area, hosting up to 120 people. I myself work in all different areas of the business, including the bar, as a waitress and in the kitchen and so have a good knowledge of the Englefield's day to day working lives. In all the time I have worked at Highdown Vineyard, Paul and Aly have both worked full time planning events and preparing the venue for upcoming functions.

The vineyard was running a little when I started, but it has rundown to nothing now as Paul and Aly have spent so much time on the events venue. I also know that it was too small and the taxes on the wines were too high for the vineyard to be profitable.

I have no financial interest in or ownership of any land or property belonging to Alison and Paul Englefield.

I make this statement consisting of 1 page signed by me, knowing that I will be liable to prosecution under Section 194 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 if I have furnished false or misleading information or withheld material information with intent to deceive.

Signed

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Date

13/10/25

Kerry Dart