

STATEMENT

Cherry Tree Nursery, Eastergate Lane, Walberton, West Sussex, BN18 0BA

1. I, Gary James Boucher make this Statement believing its contents to be true.
2. I Gary James Boucher live at Cherry Tree Nursery, Eastergate Lane, Walberton, West Sussex, BN18 0BA. I bought the site in about 1990 and I have lived on site in a mobile home ever since.
3. I initially ran the site as a nursery and there is planning permission for a dwelling which I started to build but I found it difficult to make money from running the nursery and therefore did not get very far in building the house.
4. When running the nursery I was trying to make a living selling bedding plants, shrubs and hanging baskets but it was very difficult, so from the late 1990's I started to do a little storage, mainly cars, in order to help the business to survive financially.
5. The pressure of the business lead to the breakdown in my marriage and this breakdown lead to me having a very severe mental breakdown from which I am still recovering. I have to take daily medication and I am very dependent upon my mother and father to assist me in running Cherry Tree Nursery, and my parents also make sure I take all the regular medication that I need.
6. There is no doubt that during my period of ill health a number of people took advantage of the situation and as a result of that the Environment Agency stepped in with an Enforcement Order for the land to be cleared of tyres. At this stage my parents were regular visitors to the site and they stepped in to help me and they made sure that the Environment Agency was satisfied with the work and clearance that they did. However during all this time the storage of the boats and cars continued, in many respects as the nursery failed it was only the money that I was able to get in from the storage of the boats and cars that gave me any income at all.
7. I can confirm that at the rear of the site, edged in red on plan 1 which I attach as Exhibit 1 of this my Statement, there has always been mobile homes and caravans stationed which have been used for residential purposes. There is a plan from a site inspection undertaken by Arun District Council on 4th September 2000 which clearly identifies three mobiles homes or caravans located on the rear land, which is attached as Exhibit 2 to this my Statement.
8. In particular caravan 8 has always been a residential caravan and initially it was occupied by Mr Raymond Ling who worked for LEC Refrigeration. He lived in the caravan full time and when he retired from LEC he could not afford the rent so Arun

District Council took over paying his rent. Mr Ling moved into residential care and when the caravan became empty I let the caravan to Mr Simon Burford. He continued to live in the caravan until he returned home to look after his parents and shortly after he left the caravan was damaged in a storm, which was about 12 months ago, I was in the process of arranging for the caravan 8 to be replaced when Mr Crossling approached me and asked me whether he could site his caravan on the land, which I agreed that he could do as the replacement for caravan 8. I acknowledge that Mr Crossling has not put his caravan in exactly the same place as caravan 8, but the intention is that his caravan replaces caravan 8.

9. Therefore I believe that the application for a Certificate of Lawful Use for a single residential mobile home on the rear of the nursery within the site bounded by the red line on Plan 1 should be approved because there has been a residential presence on site firstly through Mr Ling and subsequently through others that commenced back in the late 1990's.
10. I understand that there has been concern expressed about the track leading to Mr Crossling's mobile home. I can confirm that this track has always been in existence and it acted as a service road for the nursery. All we did when Mr Crossling wanted to site his mobile home on the nursery was to re-surface the track so that it was easier for him to use it.
11. I also wish to give evidence about the storage of boats and cars, and I attached as Exhibit 3 a plan labelled as Plan 2 showing the area used for storage of boats and cars edged red with Area A primarily used for boats and Area B primarily used for cars.
12. This use started in the late 1990's and has continued ever since. It has been a very useful source of income for me and the areas used are relatively small but are established as storage areas which has been going on for many years.
13. It is informal storage primarily for friends and friends of friends but I am always keen to take a bit of extra money from storing boats and cars on site and I therefore believe that a Certificate of Lawful Use should be granted for the use of storage.
14. This use has been going on for many years and there are Statements that are provided by a number of other people who can confirm that this use has been going on. In particular I enclose a letter as Exhibit 4 to this my Statement from our neighbour, Mr Burton, of Longacres who confirms that for over 10 years I have kept a few old cars and boats at the back of the glasshouses. He does go on to say that he cannot really see what is going on as he can only see the nursery where it borders his land, but the important thing is that as a neighbour he independently confirms that this storage has been undertaken for more than 10 years. There are numerous other statements from people who have visited the site because we have

had many visitors come to this site over a number of years. Therefore it is well known that we undertake storage on this site.

I confirm that I make this Statement as a Statement of truth and from my own personal knowledge of the site.

Signed:

A large black rectangular box redacting the signature of Gary James Boucher.

Gary James Boucher

Date: 20.11.2016

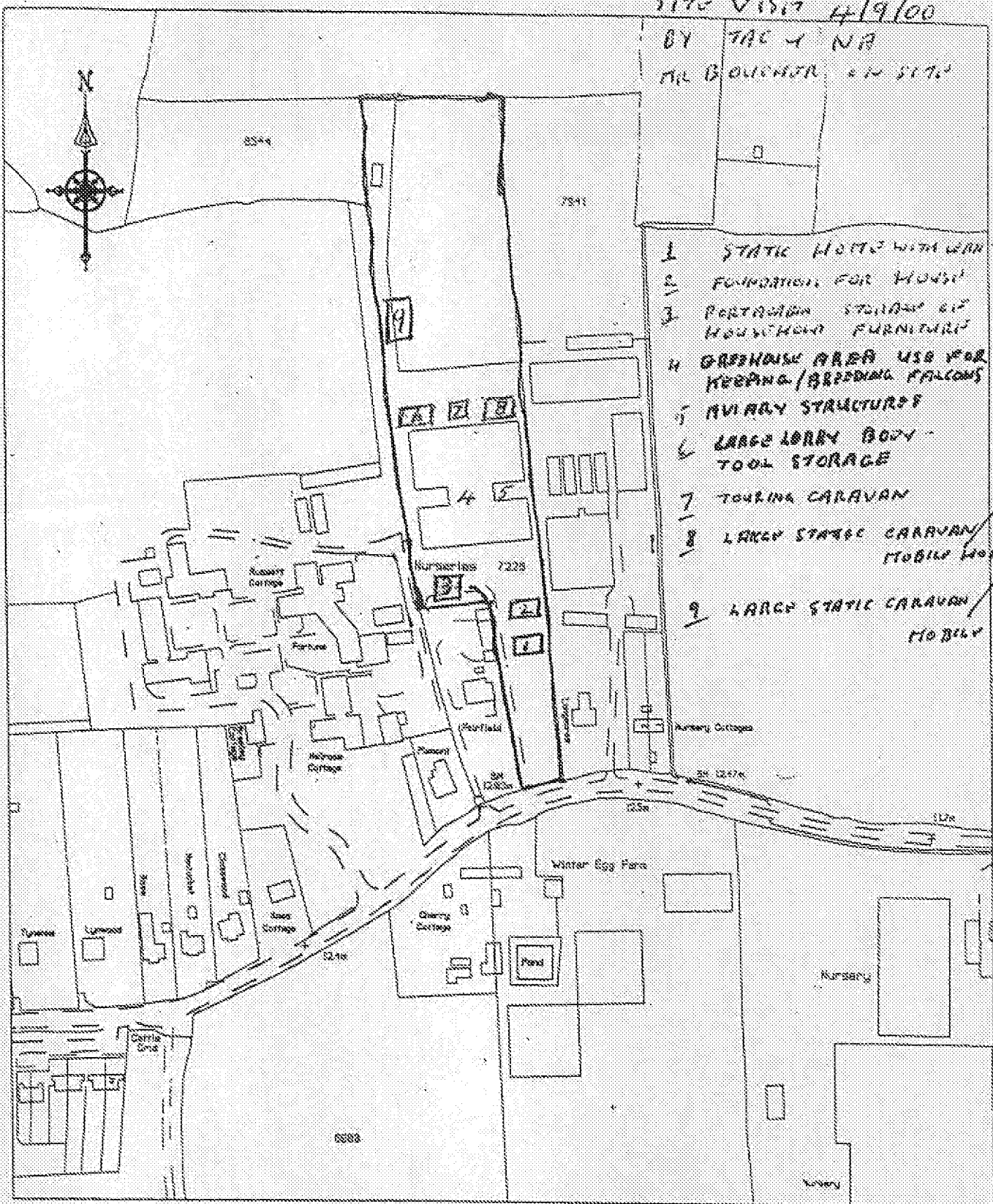
Exhibits

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| Exhibit 1 | Plan by Arun District Council 2000 |
| Exhibit 2 | Plan 1 - position of mobile home number 8 |
| Exhibit 3 | Plan 2 – storage area for boats (area A) and cars (area B) |
| Exhibit 4 | Letter of Mr Burton |

SITE VISIT 4/9/00

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MR BOURNER ON SITE



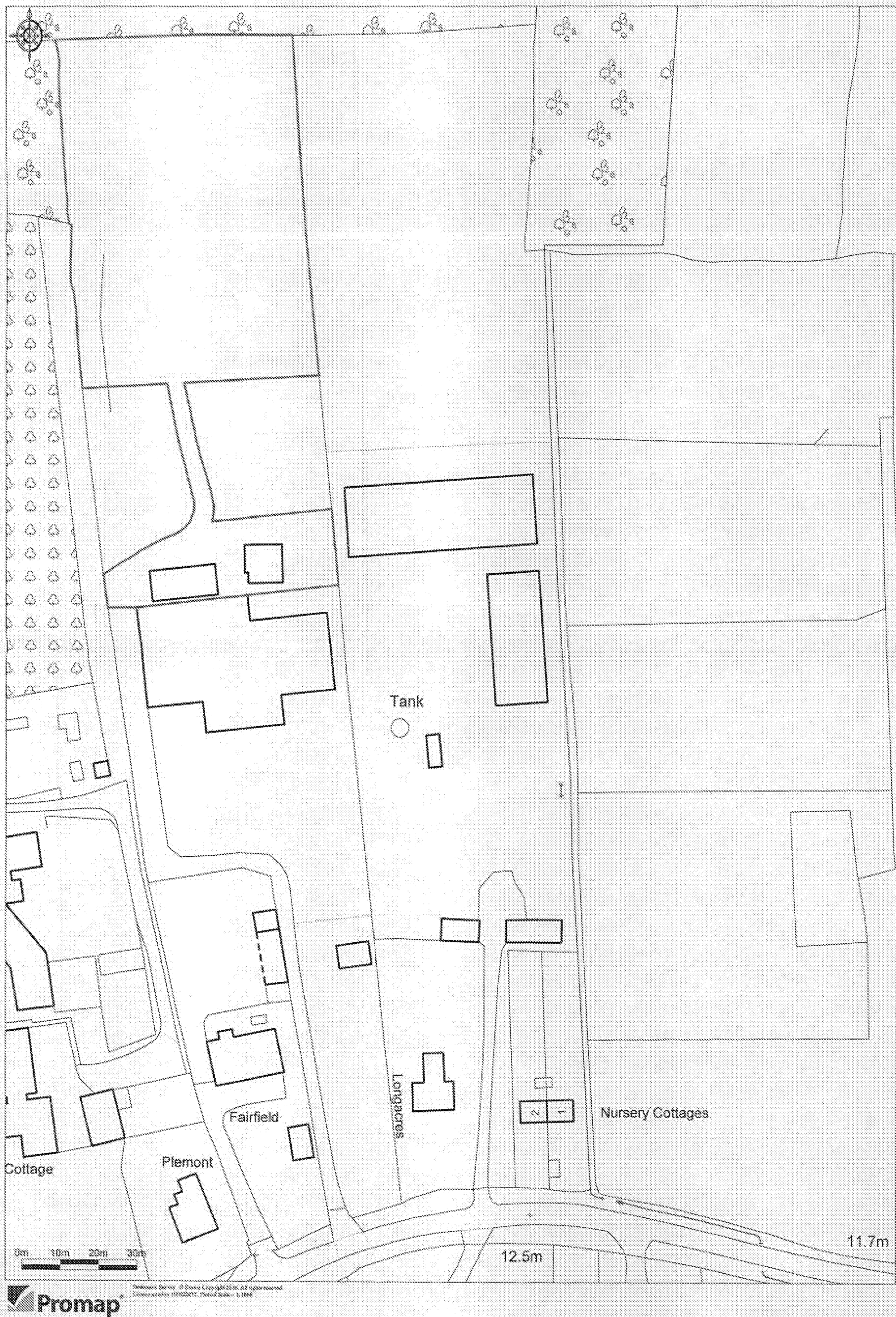
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- 2 FOUNDATION FOR HOUSE
- 3 PORTACABIN STORAGE OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE
- 4 GREENHOUSE AREA USE FOR KEEPING/BREEDING FALCONS
- 5 AVIARY STRUCTURE
- 6 LARGE LOBBY BODY TOOL STORAGE
- 7 TOURING CARAVAN
- 8 LARGE STATIC CARAVAN/MOBILE HOME
- 9 LARGE STATIC CARAVAN/MOBILE HOME

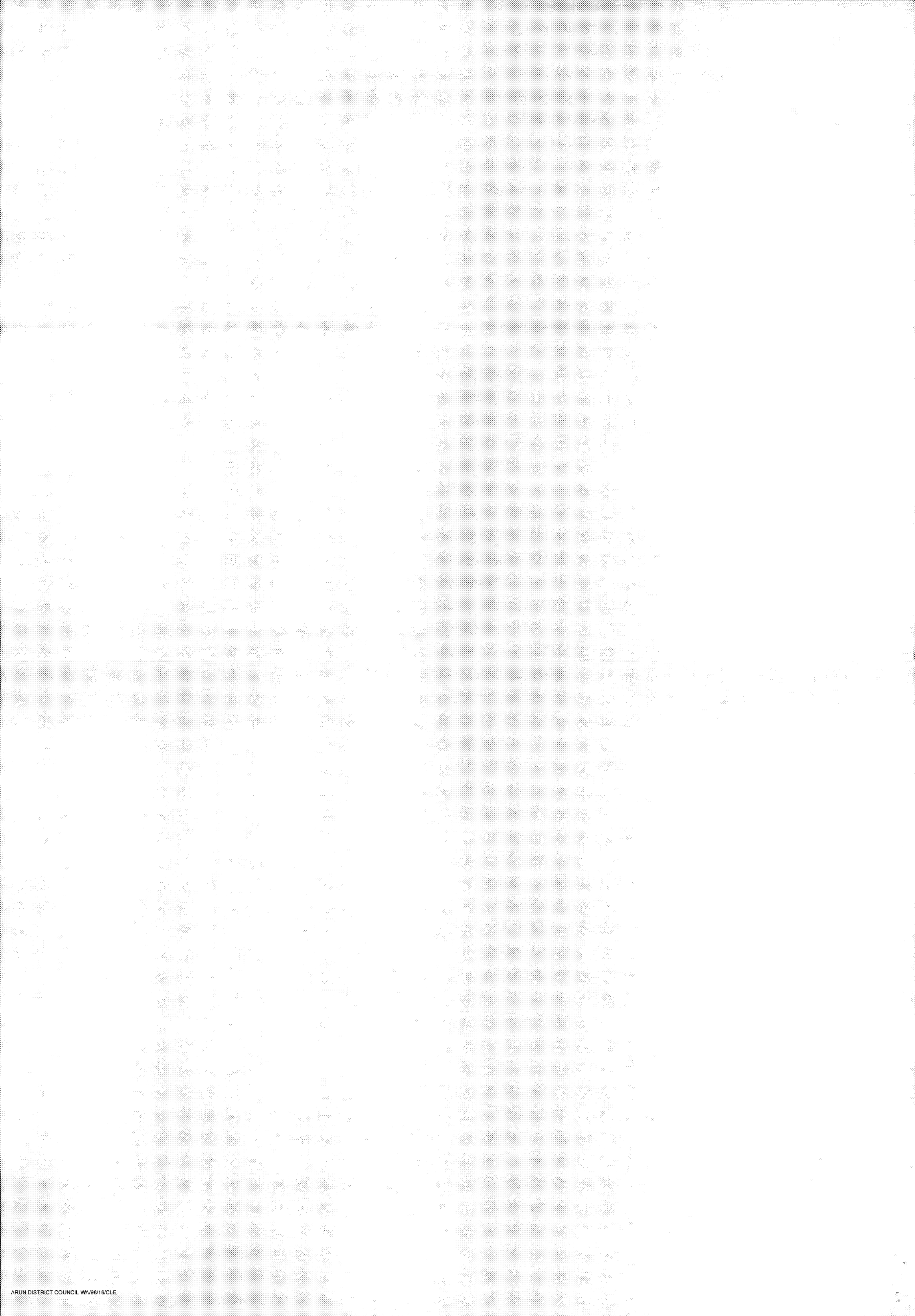
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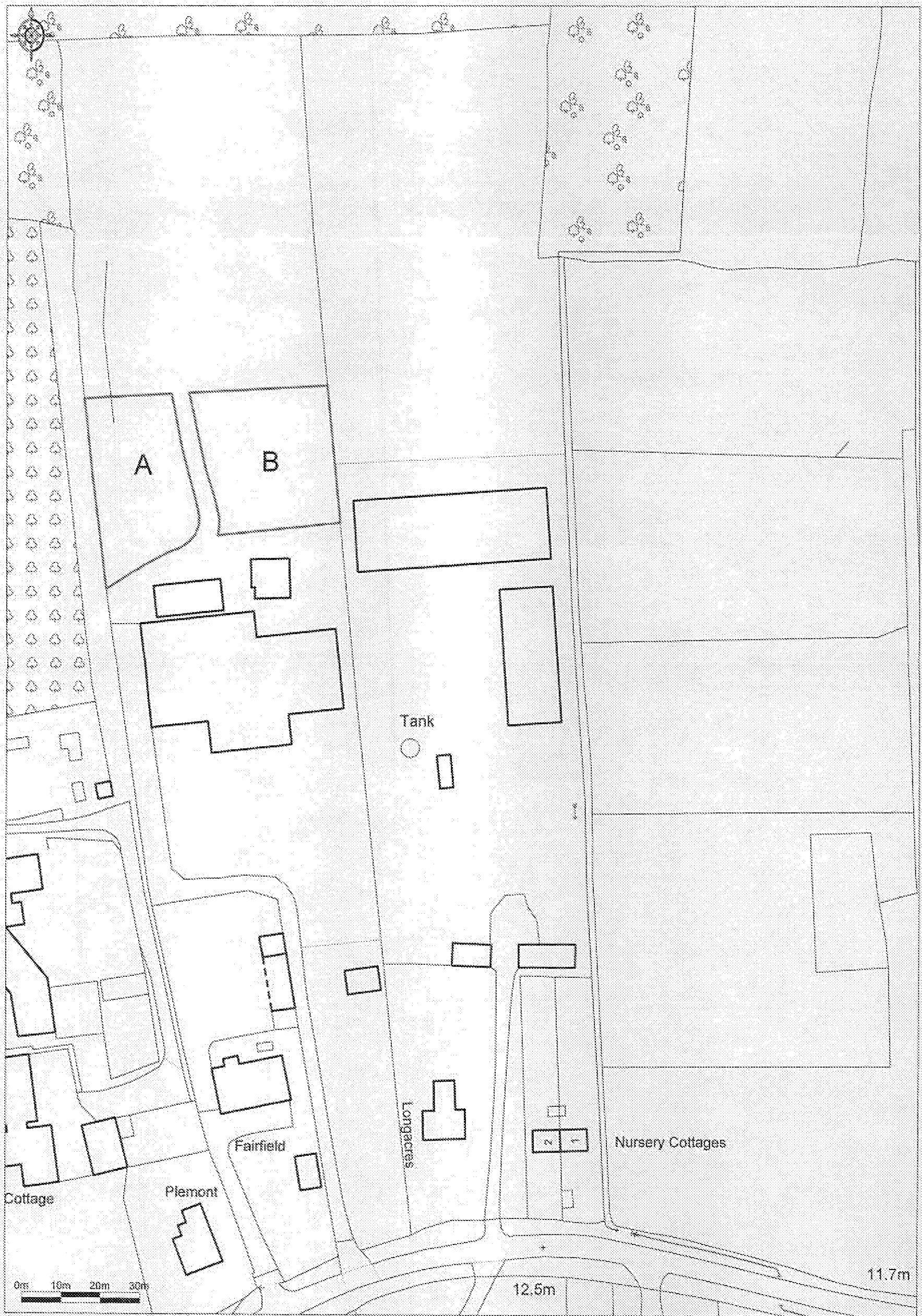
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PLAN 1







Longacers
Eastergate lane
Walberton
Arundel
BN 18 0BA

Mr Boucher of Cherry tree nursery has asked me confirm that cars and boats have been kept at the back of the nursery for a number of years.

I can confirm that for the past 10 years at least he has kept a few old cars and boats at the back of the glasshouses, as for the cars I cannot give any numbers but I would guess roundabout 10 and maybe two or three boats but then I can't really see what's going on as I can only see the part of the nursery that borders by holding.
Hope this is being some help.

Yours sincerely



