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Staffordshire Moorlands District Council
Moorlands House
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Dear Sir or Madam,

'Blakeley', Reacliffe Road, Rudyard, ST13 8RT

I write in connection with the dwelling known as 'Blakeley', Reacliffe Road, Rudyard. Along with my brother, John Warburton, I am the joint-owner of 'Blakeley'.

I have known the dwelling for approximately 65 years. The dwelling has changed very little in that period. It still retains its kitchen, living room and bedroom, with washing and toilet facilities. There is also a WC at lower ground floor.

The dwelling is served by electrical and water supplies. Foul waste is dealt with via a septic tank. Car parking to the dwelling is adjacent to the dwelling and parallel with Reacliffe Road.

Attached to this letter is a plan showing 'Blakeley' outlined in black.

The dwelling first came into my family's possession when my uncle Eric Abbotts purchased the property in 1951. I recall visiting and staying with him at the dwelling a good number of times. I am aware though that the dwelling predates 1951, and I know this with certainty from the various legal papers that relate to the dwelling. There are a good number of references to the dwelling in 1947 legal papers, including conveyance documents and Particulars of Sale.

The dwelling later passed to Eric Abbott's sister, my mother, Winifred Warburton. This was in the early 1970's.

In 1990 the dwelling passed to me and I have ensured that in title the dwelling now belongs jointly to me and my brother, John Warburton.

Council Tax has been paid against the dwelling since 1st April 1993 and before that Council rates were paid against the dwelling.

In the time that I have known the dwelling, approximately 65 years, its use has not changed. It has been a dwelling throughout that period, but I am aware that the dwelling's age predates our family's ownership.

Yours faithfully



Miss Beryl Warburton