Wetley Abbey Farm Abbey Road Wetley Rocks Stoke On Trent ST9 0AS

SMDC, Planning Department Moorlands House Stockwell Street Leek ST13 6HQ

07/02/2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Garden at Wetley Abbey Cottage, Abbey Road, Wetley Rocks, ST9 0AS

We have lived in the neighbouring (separately owned) property since 2006. Our rear garden sits adjacent to the said piece of land owned by our neighbours.

During our time here, there have been four different occupiers of Wetley Abbey Cottage including the current owners. Each has used and treated the said rear space as their residential garden, mowing the lawn, general gardening, dining outside and for children to play etc.

I trust all is in order.

Kind Regards,

lan George



## **Wetley Manor Care Home**

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8<sup>th</sup> February 2018

RE: Wetley Abbey Cottage, Abbey Road, Wetley Rocks, ST9 0AS

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to provide you with my testimony and understanding of the use of the piece of land marked "X" on the accompanying Title Plan SF276716.

I purchased Wetley Manor Care Home in 1999 and as such have passed the plot of land marked "X" for over 18 years. The plot borders my property and as such I am in a position to comment on its historic use. The plot of land was exclusively used and enjoyed as a residential private garden for the property known as Wetley Abbey Cottage until 2015.

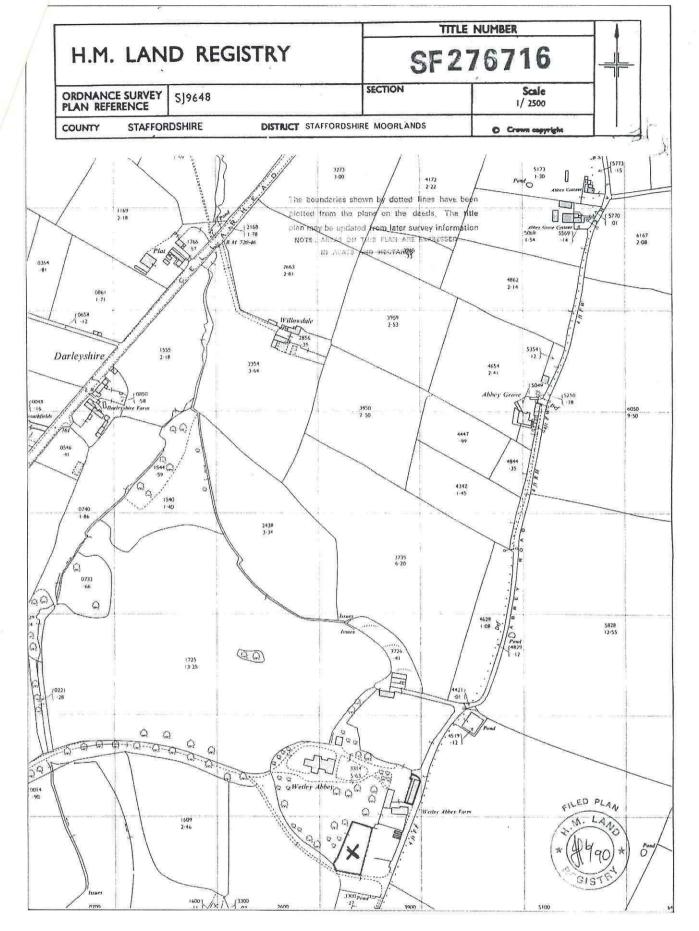
The ownership of the plot changed in August 2015 (not the current owners Mr & Mrs Davies) and the previous owner made changes to the garden which I understand were made without permission from the district council. Mr & Mrs Davies have subsequently purchased the property and have been challenged by the district council as to the current use and status of the plot; they wish for it to be used as a private garden.

In my opinion and experience, the plot was always a private garden and I would be happy for it to remain as a private garden. As a private garden it is in keeping with its surroundings, its historic use and should be enjoyed by Mrs & Mrs Davies and their family as such.

Please contact me if you would like further information or testimony.

Yours stingerely,

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