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Dear Sir

ZENWIN, LUTTON GOWTS, LONG SUTTON

I was born at The Chequers in Lutton Gowts on 9th July 1940, where I lived until I was twenty-one years old. I then got married on 21st October 1961 and lived at The Cottage in Lutton Gowts, next door to my uncle, where I worked in his produce merchants business.

I rented my first four acres of land in 1965, followed by another 3 acres in 1976 in Lime Walk, Long Sutton while also farming my father's land from 1975, where the house is today. I worked for my uncle in the produce business until 1976 when he retired and I took over the business. I ran the business from The Cottage, Lutton Gowts, with one lorry transporting my own and other local growers' produce to Smithfield Market, Manchester.

We were having trouble keeping the lorry at this address, as we had shared access with two other properties and were causing a nuisance to our neighbours. In 1978 we applied for planning permission for the site where the house is now. There were several site visits from the council to the old property showing the cramped facilities and also to the new site. Planning permission was eventually granted in 1978 for the new house and to operate the Produce Merchant's Business from the site.

We stopped growing produce in 1985 when we lost the 3 acres of land in Lime Walk, as the owner sold it for property development.

I continued to run my Produce Merchant's Business until 1994, when we eventually closed down due to market forces and my regular suppliers either retiring or selling up.

From 1994 onwards I did casual work, such as lorry driving and gardening, along with looking after my ill wife. I retired in July 2005, spending a lot of my time going backwards and forwards to King's Lynn and Papworth hospitals with my wife, until she eventually passed away in October 2015.

As you can see from the above statement, I have lived in Luton Gowts all my life, only moving a few yards. I have continually lived in this house from November 1978 until the present day. The agricultural land around my house has now been built on. In the last 20 years, there have been 7 luxury houses, 2 bungalows and a caravan site with over 45 static caravans added and I feel this is no longer an agricultural area.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'WJ Knight', followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line that extends to the right.

Winston Knight