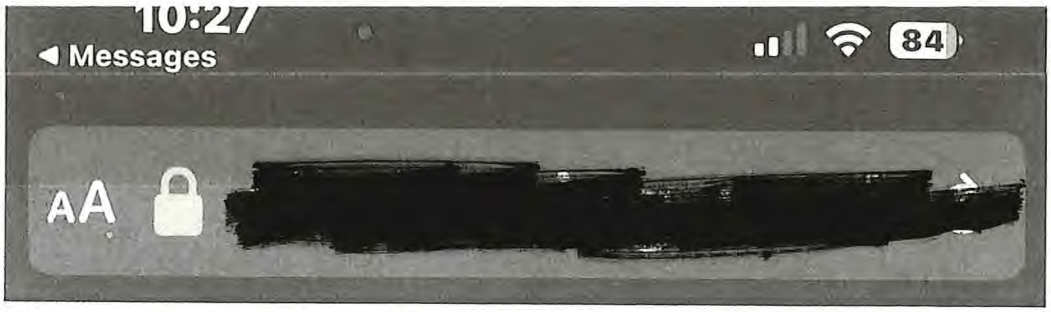


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The material change of use of land doesn't require planning permission if it occurred over 10 years ago. This is because the change of use of land becomes immune from enforcement action after 10 years (referred to as the '10-year rule'). This rule also applies to the change of use of agricultural land to residential garden. If you want confirmation that the use of land that was agricultural can lawfully be used for residential purposes, because the change of use occurred over 10 years ago, then you can submit a Lawful Development Certificate application.

A Lawful Development Certificate, often termed a Certificate of Lawfulness, is a legal document confirming that an existing or proposed development is lawful and doesn't require planning permission. An application will need to be submitted to the Local Planning Authority via the Planning Portal. You will need to submit a scaled plan outlining the site, together with a proportionate amount of supporting information to demonstrate the lawfulness of the proposal.

