

**Statutory Declaration of David William Whitehead
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Statutory Declaration

I, David William Whitehead of Black Barn, Mendham Low Road, Nr. Harleston, Norfolk IP20 9QU do solemnly and sincerely declare, as follows; -

1. I make this Statutory Declaration
2. The facts and matters to which I refer are within my own knowledge or are obtained from sources of information which I have specified herein.
3. I have read the Statement of Case prepared by Mr P J Stanway that examines this case in detail and confirm that Mr Stanway's evidence accurately records matters and events that took place to secure Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent as described below.
4. I was a Partner in the Architects Practice of Hook Whitehead Associates and was the Partner in charge of the project to gain planning permission and listed building consent for Extensions and Alterations to the Celtic Hotel at 61-63 Guilford Street, London WC1N 1DD for Mr and Mrs Marazzi the owners of the Hotel.
5. Planning Permission (LPA reference PL/9300386/R1) and Listed Building Consent (LPA reference HB/9370060/R1) were duly granted on the 7th July 1993 by the London Borough of Camden.
6. Mr and Mrs Marazzi decided not to proceed with the project at that time which would have required substantial funding. The decision was taken to secure the Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent by starting the works before the expiry of the 5-year time period attached as a condition to the Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent. This project was termed Phase 1 of the works, the intention being that the permitted project as a whole would be completed in due course.
7. Work to carry out Phase 1 of the works, the construction of substantial foundations including underpinning was started on site on the 24th June 1998 to start the work and secure the Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent.
8. This start was clearly within the 5-year period dating from the 7th July 1993 as required by conditions attached to the Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent as previously described.

9. I monitored the contract and visited site on a number of occasions. I valued contract payments to the Contractor including issuing the Certificate of Practical Completion dated the 26th August 1998 when the work was complete and issued a Making Good Defects Certificate on the 22nd December 1998 and Final Certificate on the 22nd December 1998.
10. It was decided in 2005 and following the successful completion of the Underpinning contract (Phase 1 of the works in 1998) and the start of the Planning and Listed Building Consents in June 1998, that Phase 2 of the works would be undertaken which was the Roof Replacement and Repair
11. By this time I was practicing on my own account as David Whitehead Architects. English Heritage and the London Borough of Camden were notified by me that Phase 2 of the works would start on the 27th March 2006.
12. Details of the scope of the works were submitted to the London Borough of Camden Building Control on the 7th March 2006, including a letter, a schedule of work and drawings no. 4566 107 and 1708 1.
13. I believe that The Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent of the 7th July 1993 were started in time and within the 5-year period stipulated by condition in these permissions.
14. The completion of Phase 2 of the proposals starting 9 years later without comment by the London Borough of Camden supports my belief that the works were indeed started within time and that the Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent were therefore secured.
15. I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of the statutory Declarations Act 1835.

Declared by the above named

DAVID WILLIAM WHITEHEAD



On the 4th day of July 2024

Before me



Solicitor/commissioner for oaths

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