IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE KING'S BENCH DIVISION BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT REGISTRY

CLAIM NO. KB-2023-BHM-000256

BETWEEN:

EAST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Claimant

-and-

(1) MR WILLIAM EDWARD TIDD

(2) PERSONS UNKNOWN BRINGING CARAVANS ON TO THE LAND AT THE REAR OF MEADOWN VIEW, FARM, LODGE LANE, MINTING TO LIVE IN OR UNDERTAKING DEVELOPMENT AS DEFINED BY SECTION 55 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

Defendants

STATEMENT OF SERVICE

- I, JO PARKER, SERVICE MANAGER (ENFORCEMENT) of East Lindsey District Council, The Hub, Mareham Road, Horncastle, Lincolnshire, LN9 6PH, will say as follows.
- 1. On FRIDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2023 at 20:05 hours I attended LAND AT THE REAR OF MEADOW VIEW FARM, LODGE LANE, MINTING, LINCOLNSHIRE in the company of LAURA JAYNE GALE, SENIOR LICENSING OFFICER CARAVANS.
- 2. On arrival at the site, the gates were closed. It was dark and there were lights switched on at the caravan/lodge that could be seen through the gap in the wall and fence to the right of the gates. I served the following documents as described below:
- a. Court Order, dated 10 November 2023 and appended plan;
- b. Claim Form;
- c. Application for Injunction, dated 09 November 2023;
- d. Draft Order;
- e. Witness Statement of Mr Dean Flower and exhibits, dated 09 November 2023.

I affixed copies of the documents listed above (a - e), in a clear plastic wallet to the gate at the entrance to the site, tied on with string, and took two photos of this at 20:09hrs which are attached to this statement marked as exhibit JOP1 and JOP2.

3. Whilst I was displaying the documentation on the gate, a lady I believe to be Mrs Tidd saw me from their caravan and shouted across to ask what I was doing. I told her I was from the Council and introduced who I was and I asked her if Mr. Tidd was home. She said he was not

there at the moment and to wait and she would come out to us. Mrs Tidd approached us at the gate and we spoke over the side fencing. She said Mr Tidd was on his way back from Leicester which is why he wasn't there; he had been there today to get some chickens as that is what the children said they wanted for Christmas. She told me she had called him before coming out to speak with us and confirmed he will be a while yet as he is only just at the roundabout near the Hobby Horse pub. That location was about one and a half hours away. Mrs. Tidd asked why we were there. I explained the Council had applied to the Court for a pre-emptive injunction application which had been granted that day and we were there to serve it. I apologised or it being so late in the evening. I explained that the Council had made the application because Mr Tidd had said on a number of occasions now that he was going to sell the land to travellers for various traveller pitches, so the application had been made in an attempt to prevent that. Mrs. Tidd said he has said that and he does have people that will buy it from him but she said she didn't want him to sell it as it would mean the Children being moved from their current school. She said she didn't want that to happen as this was the first school where they have made proper friends and her eldest son who is 10 has learnt to read and write since being there; he couldn't at all before starting. I said that because Mr. Tidd wasn't there I needed to post a copy of everything that is on the gate in the post box for him when he gets back. I then served the documentation in an A4 envelope in the post box which was addressed to him, which LAURA JAYNE GALE took a photo of. The post box was attached to the brick pillar next to the gate of the main entrance to the site.

- 4. I also took a spare copy of the Court documentation with me which I handed to Mrs Tidd. I said that it is the same as what is on the gate and in the post box. I advised there would be a court hearing on 24th November 2023 at Birmingham High Court and pointed to the section on the paperwork where that was detailed. I explained that is Mr Tidd's opportunity to attend the Court in response to the Councils application, or it could be done remotely via an electronic link. Mrs Tidd said it wouldn't be possible for them to do the remote link as their access is only over the phone and she think he will prefer to go in person.
- 5. I told Mrs Tidd to wait until Mr Tidd got home and then go over it all with him together as I was aware he cannot read and write, and then speak to his agent, who will also get a copy of everything they have. Mrs Tidd said she will do but she also struggles with reading and writing. I advised her to get Mr. Tidd to contact DEAN FLOWER, ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, on Monday with any queries if he has any. I explained that Deans name is on the Court paperwork but that it is the Councils application and not his application. I also advised Dean will be the officer that continues to deal with the enforcement case.
- 6. Mrs Tidd asked if the paperwork served will affect their two planning applications. I confirmed that this is entirely separate and will not hold any weight in terms of the outcome and decision on the applications. Mrs Tidd mentioned one of their pigs had piglets and they all had died so he is hoping the barns are approved soon so he can get them built which will be better for the animals.
- 7. Laura and I both left the site at 20:27hrs.
- 8. I have read LAURA JAYNE GALES statement and confirm the details contained within are accurate.
- 9. On 10th November 2023 at 23.13hrs I emailed a copy of all the Court injunction paperwork and evidence to Mr. Tidd's email. A copy of the email is attached and marked as exhibit JOP3.

10. On 10th November 2023 at 23.29hrs I can confirm that I approved all of the Court injunction documents and evidence so that they were visible and displayed on the Councils website.

11. On 11th November 2023 at 10.38hrs I sent a hard copy of the Court injunction paperwork and evidence to Mr. Tidd's agent by 1st class post. A copy of the certificate of posting is attached and marked as exhibit JOP4.

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

I believe that the contents of this witness statement are true.

Signed:

Dated this 20th day of November 2023

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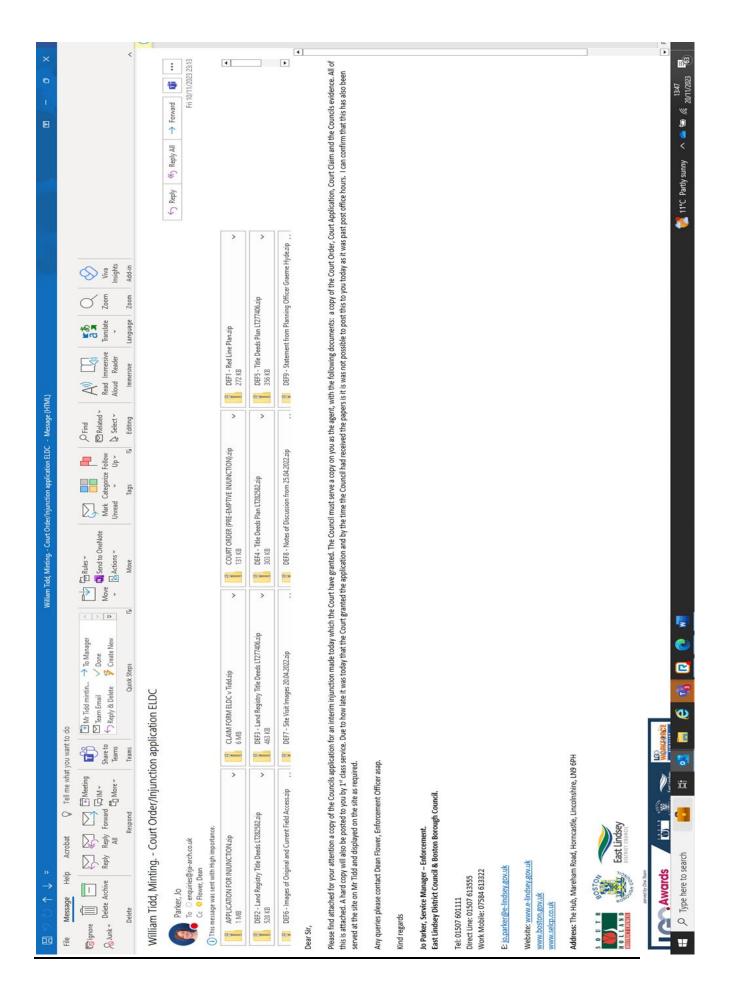
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