

	NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Section 191 CERTIFICATE OF EXISTING LAWFUL USE OR DEVELOPMENT	Town Planning Ref.No. 26/00090/LDCE
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Applicant:

Dr Ben Carpenter

Date of Receipt of Application: 10.02.2026

Site: **Royston Rugby Club, Heath Sports Club, Baldock Road, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5BG,**

Description of development: Siting of shipping container positioned in excess of 10 years, for storage of rugby training equipment for Royston Rugby Club.

The North Hertfordshire District Council, in pursuance of their powers under the above-mentioned Act and the associated Orders and Regulations, hereby CERTIFY that on the date of receipt of the application the matter described above in respect of the aforementioned land and edged in red on the plan attached hereto, would have been lawful within the meaning of Section 192 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

The reason for this determination is as follows :-

The evidence submitted with this application supports the view that the shipping container has been present on site since at least January 2014. As such, it is considered that the evidence submitted, on the balance of probabilities, shows that the shipping container has been in situ on site for a continuous and uninterrupted period of at least 10 years. Therefore, in accordance with Section 171B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, no enforcement action can be taken upon a breach of planning control if a period of 10 years has surpassed from the date of the original breach. As such, a certificate of lawfulness can be issued

Signed:



Shaun Greaves

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Date: 26 February 2026

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NOTES

1. The certificate is issued solely for the purpose of Section 192 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).
2. It certifies that the use*/operations*/matter specified taking place on the land described would have been lawful, on the specified date and, thus, would not have been liable to enforcement action under section 172 of the 1990 Act on that date.
3. This certificate applies only to the extent of the use*/operations*/matter described and to the land specified and identified on the attached plan. Any use*/operations*/matter which is/are materially different from that/those described or which relate(s) to other land may render the owner or occupier liable to enforcement action.
4. The effect of the certificate is also qualified by the proviso in section 192(4) of the 1990 Act, as amended, which states that the lawfulness of a described use or operation is only conclusively presumed where there has been no material change, before the use is instituted or the operations begun, in any of the matters relevant to determining such lawfulness.

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