

Statutory Declaration of **Nicholas Vaughan Butler**

In support of an application for a Lawful Development Certificate (Existing Use/Operation)
Relating to: Storage Shipping Container at Therfield Heath, Royston, Hertfordshire

I, **Nicholas Vaughan Butler**, of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] do solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:

1. I make this declaration in support of an application for a Lawful Development Certificate (Existing) under Section 191 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 regarding the continued siting and use of a storage shipping container located on land at Therfield Heath, Royston, positioned on the car-park side adjacent to Royston Rugby Club changing rooms.
2. I am aware the storage container has been in place for a continuous period since 2015. I have personally used the storage container to delivery rugby activities on Therfield Heath at least **monthly** over this same period.
3. Since its installation, the container has remained on the site without removal, interruption or relocation. At no time during this period has the container been taken off the land or replaced by another structure.
4. To the best of my knowledge, no enforcement action, warning, notice or complaint has ever been issued by North Hertfordshire District Council or any other authority regarding the siting or use of this container during this time.
5. The presence and use of the container has been open, obvious and visible from the surrounding public areas, including the car park, footpaths, and café-side access routes. It has never been concealed and has been in continuous and uninterrupted use throughout the relevant period.
6. I make this declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Statutory Declarations Act 1835.

DECLARANT SIGNATURE

Signed: [REDACTED]

Name: Nicholas Vaughan Butler

Date: 21/12/2025

WITNESS (Commissioner for Oaths)

Declared before me, **JAMES MCCREATH**

Signature: [REDACTED]

Date: 21.12.25

Official capacity: **COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS**