

In the matter of an Application for the Removal of an
Agricultural Occupancy Condition – Bungalow at Baran
Road, Rhydyfro, Pontardawe, SA8 4RR

Statement by Mr Glyn Griffiths

January 2023

2003/005

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1. My name is Glyn Griffiths and I am the owner and sole occupier of a bungalow on land off Baran Road, Rhydyfro, Pontardawe. The bungalow is on land forming part of Heol Ddu Newydd Farm.

2. I am the owner of the farm and originally occupied the farmhouse which lies some 150m. to the west of the bungalow. In the early 1970s we bought the adjoining Penylan Farm and I moved into the farm house there. In the 1990s, however we had to sell Penylan Farm and I then moved into the bungalow.

3. Planning permission was granted for the bungalow in 1998 and it was built soon afterwards. The permission included the usual condition restricting occupation to persons employed or last employed locally in farming. I initially occupied the bungalow with my two sons, Robert and Ewan but they left when they got married. I have retired from farming and Heol Ddu Newydd Farm is managed by my sons who both live elsewhere.

4. In order for the farm to remain viable going forward, however, it is now essential that we sell the bungalow. I first instructed Clee Tompkinson and Francis to market the bungalow in November 2020 but despite their best efforts it has proved impossible to find anyone who could comply with the occupancy condition. This has forced me to make this application to remove a condition which is clearly not relevant in current circumstances.

Signed..

.....Dated...7/2/23

Witnessed

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Name of witness