I TIM SMITH of Royston Springs, Common Lane, Royston, Barnsley S71 4ED **DO SOLEMNLY AND SINCERELY DECLARE** as follows:

- I was born on 10 February 1972 and have lived with my parents, my brother and my sister at Royston Springs for 20 years. I therefore have a detailed knowledge of the use of the site at Royston Springs throughout this period.

- HPW was a training organisation helping people to re-train and find employment. My father's employment with HPW began in early 1986 as a Manager. Initially he was based at an office on Eldon Street in Barnsley. Later he moved to an old engineering centre at Monk Breton and finally he worked from Chesham House in Chesham Road, Barnsley.

- My father's role throughout his employment involved developing projects and work that might help to get people a job and he would split his time between lots of projects. The projects were varied and involved matters such as playgroups, helping the elderly, painting and wallpapering and basic building. He was responsible for all of the staff within HPW and he spent most of his time in an office and attending meetings.

- Following the acquisition of a site in Penistone for horticultural projects, my father became a Director / Trustee of the Springvale Trust, which was formed to hold the assets of the horticultural training business. My father held this role in conjunction with his ongoing role within HPW.

- In 1990 my parents bought the land a Royston Springs with the intention of building a new family home. It was an added bonus that there was a big greenhouse on the land as, given my dad's social conscious, it could be used by Springvale to train people away from the general public, prior to them looking for a job.

- Following the purchase of Royston Springs the horticultural facilities were used for training purposes by Springvale and HPW. People who wanted to learn or re-train into horticulture would arrive on the site at Royston Springs by mini bus and then work within the greenhouse for three to six hours and then the mini bus would collect them again. The numbers of people arriving each day would vary from 6 to 20 at a time. They would work from Monday to Friday. Some would stay for a few hours, others longer, but they would have all usually left the site by about 3pm each



day.

- In terms of the parts of the property from which the Springvale operation ran, they only used the greenhouse and part of the land to the front of the greenhouse for the parking of the mini bus. Very little material was left outside the greenhouse and everything that was delivered to the site was taken inside the greenhouse.

- My father did not spend any of his time actually working at Royston and none of his time was spent on horticultural work itself, either before or after the acquisition of Royston Springs. If my father was at Royston Springs it was for meetings with the Springvale Manager, who was responsible for the work and training on the site, as well as the production of the plants. A lot of my father's time was spent visiting other parts of Barnsley and having meetings and visiting other projects. This went on week in and week out until HPW closed in 2004.

- I had no involvement with anything to do with the greenhouse or with the horticultural activities on the site; I just lived in the bungalow with my family. I do not have any horticultural knowledge and neither do my brother or sister and we took very little interest in the variety of plants that were grown in the greenhouse.

- Plants grown in the greenhouse were not sold from the site; instead they were taken away to Springvale. I can confirm that no income or any payments in kind were received by me or my family for the horticultural activities on the site. I understand that all of the sales of plants were carried out by Springvale.

- I confirm that only Springvale ever used the site at Royston Springs for horticulture and they used it from the time that we acquired Royston Springs in 1990 until they stopped sending trainees in around 1999. When Springvale closed in 1999 the trainees stopped coming to Royston Springs and there were no staff left at the site to do any horticulture after that time.

- My father continued to work for HPW until it closed in 2004, at which time he retired. Since the closure of Springvale we have continued to live in the bungalow but the site has not been used for anything to do with training or horticulture and I confirm that there is currently no horticultural use at Royston Springs. The main

structure of the greenhouse is sound, although some glass is broken and there is very little insulation.

I MAKE THIS SOLEMN DECLARATION consciously believing the same to be true by virtue of the Statutory Declarations Act 1835.

