

Donald Jordan
Holme Cottage
The Hill
Millom
Cumbria

To Whom it may concern

I am writing to you for reasons of proof and in support of Robert and Bethan Butler of Waltham nursery.

I have lived and farmed in The Hill (Village) all my life.

I remember well the Butler family with a young Rob, moving into the village in the 90s to run the plant nursery, farm and then additionally the Sawmill.

I farm a property on the same track as the Butlers and see them regularly. We are a good community and look out for each other and each others livestock.

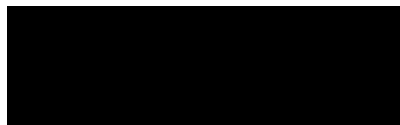
I remember Robert and Bethan building their little house around the time their first son Peter was born as I recall a conversation around that time with Rob that they were keen to get it finished for his birth.

It has never been a secret or a problem to the local community that they live there. I would go as far as to say it was common knowledge to most folk. I would also say it has never negatively impacted me or anyone else I have spoken to.

Rob and Bethan are a strong and important part of our village and farming community. The track to Waltham Nursery and other properties (which I also access my farm on) is regularly maintained by the Butlers. They also often help in times of poor weather such as heavy snow or fallen trees etc clearing the roads in the village.

I have watched Robert grow from a small child into a young man and watched them both work hard, grow their family, the farm and their business over many years. I feel it is of deepest importance that they are able to continue to live in their house as they have done so for many years.

Donald Jordan



Planning Department
Cumberland Council

Doc Ref: BCL/10465
17/12/2024

To whom it may concern,

Robert & Bethan Butler – Waltham Nursery

I have known the Butler family for in excess of 30 years and employed Robert Butler as a foreman for a number of years.

He built a house for him and his family moving in in 2013 at the time of their first born. They have lived in the property continuously ever since and now have a second child who has severe hearing issues as a result of meningitis as a baby. The family are very much part of the community, actively taking part and supporting local events. They have never hidden where they live, which is near a public footpath and railway line. Furthermore, Robert operates a successful forestry business and Bethan works in the school at Coniston.

Whilst the house has been built without consent there is no planning detriment, and it would be in the best interests of all parties for the situation to be regularised with the minimum fuss and expense with common sense allowed to prevail.

Yours sincerely

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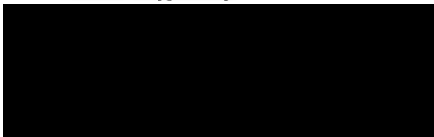
Robert Morris-Eyton
Director
Beckside Construction Ltd

Ella Todd
4, Race Grove
The Green
Millom
Cumbria
LA18 5HN

To whom it may concern,

My partner and I and our two young children live at 4, Race Grove, The Green, Millom, Cumbria, LA18 5HN and have resided at the above address for almost six years. During this time we have been aware of Mr and Mrs Butlers house and have occasionally visited and purchased fresh eggs. We do not have an issue with the house and value Mr and Mrs Butlers contributions to the community especially during icy winters where Mr Butler helped on a number of occasions clear roads from deep snow.

Kind regards,



Ella Todd

John Hudson

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LA18 5HW

To Whom it may concern

I am writing a short letter to confirm that as a local resident of The Green, I have always been aware since around 2012/2013 that Robert Butler and his young family have lived in the little green roofed house at Waltham Nursery.

They are a good, hard working, farming family.

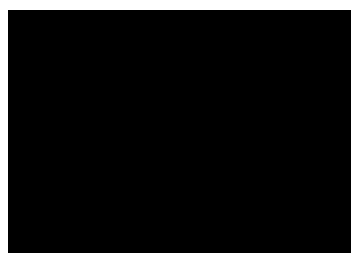
I have known Rob since a young boy when he lived in the original bungalow with his parents and 2 older sisters, as my own parents used to live next door at Derryelvin. Both my parents and I were well aware during the construction period of the house as we could see the works clearly through the young/sparse hedge at the time. We had no issues then or now with this as it is nice to see young families staying in the village.

I cannot recall the exact dates with it being a long time ago, but I do remember them beginning to build the house when Bethan was pregnant and moving in either just before or after the baby was born.

I have watched as Rob and Bethan have taken the farm from a smallholding with a few sheep as his parents had it, into a larger rare breeds type farm. I often visit to buy eggs from Waltham Nursery.

I am in full support of them living there and would like to reiterate that It has always been known by myself and many others in the community that they reside there.

John Hudson




17/06/24

To Whom it may concern,

We are neighbours of Rob and Bethan Butler. We've known them for 11 years, since we moved into our property in June 2013, and remember they moved into their house a few months later.

We have always got on really well with Rob and Bethan, who are great neighbours to have. We also really appreciate the practical work they do to help upkeep the neighbourhood. For example, Rob has taken on the job of maintaining the unmade lane that leads from the council-maintained road to our properties. He also digs out the drainage ditches that run alongside the lane. Without these jobs being done, we would find living here very difficult as we don't have the machinery or skills to carry out this work ourselves. After the very heavy snow we experienced in December 2023, it was Rob who cleared the snow from the lane and driveways, which enabled us to drive our car up to the main road. Without his assistance, we would have been stuck in our property for at least a week. Rob and Bethan are well-liked and valuable members of our community.



Alison (Palin)
Derry Elvan

To Whomever it may concern

My name is Stephen Southward and I live at Browfoot farm a couple of fields behind Waltham Nursery (The Butlers farm).

I have known Rob Butler since his family moved to Waltham Nursery in the early 90s. His family moved here to run the Plant nursery and Timber mill. In his teens he was keen to learn farming and came to me to do so. This I remember led to him starting his own flock of sheep and rare breed pig breeding.

I have known Bethan almost as long as worked with her father for many years. She seems to have an equal passion for the Farm which is good to see and they have progressed the farm further.

I recall them starting to build their house in the year before their first child Peter was born as they were living in a static before that and I remember Bethan mentioning at the time that she really didn't want to bring a baby home to a caravan in Autumn/winter time.

I know it ended up being tight and they moved in around the time he was born.

They are a quiet but helpful and valued family in our village and farming community.

Sincerely

Stephen Southward

R. J. Falconer
Middle Marshside,
The Hill,
Millom,
Cumbria,
LA18 5HA

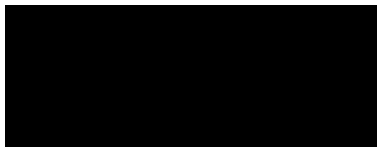
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I have known Rob Butler since he moved to Waltham Nursery with his parents when he was a young child of pre school age. As far as I am aware he has lived there from then until the present. He is a valued member of the community helping with many jobs that benefit all of the neighbouring properties, for example maintaining the unmade road and clearing out the drainage channels to prevent everyone flooding.

I remember that when Rob and his wife Bethan started a family they moved in to a converted barn on the property, approximately 11 to 12 years ago I think. I have always known about this conversion and have no objections to it. Rob and Bethan are hard working parents trying to provide for their family, they both work on their farmstead at home rearing local produce and also have another job each too, the barn conversion facilitates them and their family be able to do all of this.

Kind Regards



James Falconer

Mrs F Holmes
Crosslands
The Green
Millom
Cumbria
LA18 5JD
14th June 2024

To whom it may concern,

Allow me to introduce myself, my name is Francesca Holmes and I am a friend and neighbour of the Butler family, therefore I am writing to you in support of Mr & Mrs Butler of Waltham Nursery, Underhill, Millom, Cumbria.

I am under the impression that you require assurance regarding their property.

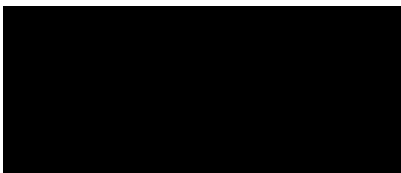
I wish to clarify that the previously mentioned family moved into the accommodation in question in 2013 as they were expecting their first child. They have resided there continuously ever since. They now have two children, who have only ever known this property as home.

I would also like to bring to your attention that Mr & Mrs Butler are a very respectable, hardworking and family orientated couple who are committed to ensure their children have a stable and loving upbringing. Furthermore they are an intrinsic and well liked part of our village and of course the local farming community, who rely on each other in many ways during the agricultural year. Cooperation makes a community and these types of community are on the decline. Support needs to be available for the rural families.

In conclusion I wish to confirm that Mr and Mrs Butler have been residing in this property for a minimum of 11 years and have been exemplary neighbours.

If you require any further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Faithfully



Mrs F Holmes

Sender -
Adam Young
Royal Mail
Millom Office

To Whom it may concern,

I can confirm that I have known Rob, Bethan, Peter and George for a number of years now and a nicer family you could not meet.

I first started delivering to Rob and Bethan 11 years ago to the house round the back of Waltham Nurseries when I was the day off cover on the post and I deliver to them daily now to the same location as I am the regular postman for that round.

Kind Regards

Adam Young
(Postman)

Sharon Platt and Steven Skelham
1 Underhill Cottages, Underhill
Millom
LA18 5HA
Cumbria

Cumberland Council
Whitehaven
Cumbria

17 June 2024

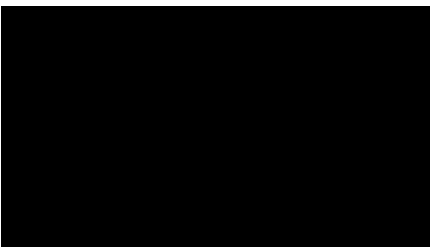
To whom it may concern,

Having lived in the vicinity my whole life and moved approx 500m down the road to my 1st house in 1992 with my partner, we have known Rob since he was small and have seen him grow up from the hard working young lad breeding rare breed pigs of his own and helping with his dads timber business to the hard working adult supporting his family, still breeding rare breed animals and running his own business. We see this in the boys as they grow up doing the same as their Mam and Dad – helping out and breeding their owns lambs – it is a joy to watch. We have known Bethan through the girlfriend/boyfriend phase to the family her and Rob have created with the boys. They have lived at the property circa 2013, moving into the house when Peter was newly born. We have seen the boys grow up and if we ever wanted anything, we would go to their house – like any other friends/neighbours. We have delivered balloons down there for birthdays and have helped out with the chickens when needed.

They are always there to help when needed be it snow clearing, vehicle recovery or lifting something big out of a vehicle (and the always come along too). They are good neighbours and nothing is too much bother – the kind you can rely on when needed. They (and the boys) are an integral part of the community down in our little patch.

Yours sincerely,

Sharon Platt and Steven Skelham



The Annexe
Bracken Beck
The Hill
Millom
Cumbria
LA18 5HA
15th June 2024

To whom it may concern,

We are writing to you in support of Robert and Bethan Butler, and to emphasise that they should have the right to remain living in their current home. We have known the couple for many years and would consider them an integral part of our tight knit community. They are fantastic neighbours who are always willing to lend a hand and help out someone in need. Along with their two children, they are a lovely family who are appreciated by all and are viewed as valuable members of the farming community. Their home, which we are aware they moved into in late 2013, in no way has been of adverse affect to the landscape or local area, and we would see absolutely no valid reason as to why it should be removed.

Yours Faithfully,

Yvonne Ashburner

Yvonne Ashburner

**BMD & N Hatton
Hazel Lodge
The Hill
Cumbria
LA18 5HA**

17th June 2024

To whom it may concern

Ref: Robert & Bethan Butler of Waltham Nursery, The Green

We have known Robert & Bethan Butler as friends and neighbours for over 9 years as we live a short distance away, along the track we share with them and two other properties. Both Robert and Bethan are well respected and contribute greatly to the wellbeing of us and other local residents. They are reliable, hard-working and dedicated to providing for their young family.

The watercourse that runs along the side of the track that serves our properties (Aggies Lonin) drains into the estuary. Should its level rise, it would put several properties at immediate risk of flooding, so Robert and Bethan have taken it upon themselves to maintain both the track and the watercourse. Without their interventions, we have no doubt we would all have been at great risk of flooding, particularly this last winter, as neither the local authority nor the environment agency currently take any responsibility.

In summary, both Robert and Bethan are exceptionally welcome and valuable members of our small local community.

Yours sincerely

Bruce & Nicola Hatton

Bracken Beck

The Hill

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Cumbria

LA18 5HA

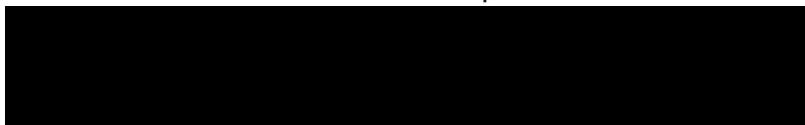
15th June 2024

To whom it may concern,

We are writing to you today to express our support for Robert and Bethan Butler, and their right to remain living in their current home. We have been fortunate enough to know the Butler family since they moved to the area over thirty years ago, and thoroughly believe that Robert, Bethan and their two children are highly valuable members of our community. Additionally, Robert's forestry business is a crucial asset within the local area, and we ourselves have frequently acquired his services. Likewise, last December when we were faced with an exceptional amount of snow, he took it upon himself to clear the roads, which was highly appreciated by all. They are pillars of the local farming industry, and are generally very pleasant folk we are thrilled to have as neighbours. Their home has in no way negatively affected the scenery, and we see no reason as to why it should be removed.

Yours Faithfully,

George Atkinson



Irene Atkinson

Robi Gibson
30 Bankhead
Haverigg
Cumbria
LA18 4LZ
1-12-24

To whom it may concern

I Robi Gibson am a qualified
Plumber, in Spring and Summer 2013, Plumbed Robbie
Butler, small house, at Waltham nursery, the green.

Yours Sincerely



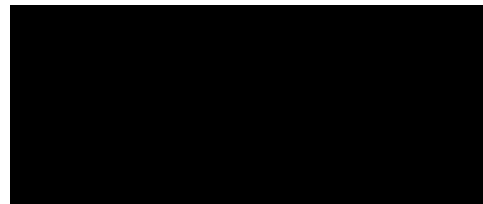
GAVIN GIBSON
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LA18 5HG

28th November 2024

To Whom it May Concern

Ref: Mr and Mrs R Butler
Waltham Nursery

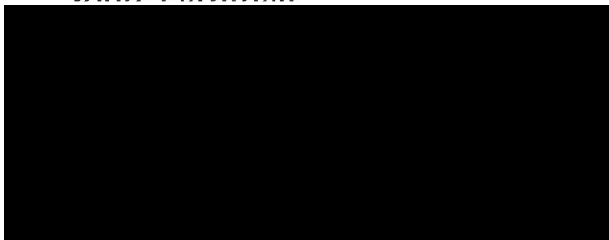
We have known the Butler family for 16 years since we moved to The Hill in 2018. They all helped us get to know the neighbours and the area and have been a constant help in the garden.

During that time Rob Butler has been our first local port of call for help with his chain saw for trees and fallen branches, the annual mow of the roadside verge and regular deliveries of hardwood logs. He is much valued friend and can be relied on to help us out in an emergency.

It has been rewarding to see Bethan and Rob's young family grow and develop: it is always fun to meet up with Peter and George when we visit the Waltham Nursery premises returning dumpy bags etc. It has always seemed the best of locations for two young boys to grow up with the animals and woods and all the machinery that is part of a rural small holding.

We value their help and friendship.

Yours faithfully,



Lesley Mallard
David Urwin

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R.R.BROWNE

Meadowcroft, Bankend,

Broughton in Furness.

LA206DR.

06/12/2024

To. Whom it may concern,

Re Robert Butler Waltham Nursery, The Hill, Millom.

I am writing in support of Robert and Bethan Butler who tell me they are having difficult discussions with Cumberland Council re planning permission for their family home at Waltham Nursery.

I have known Robert and Bethan for many years through providing Veterinary Services for their animals from Browne & McKinney based in Broughton in Furness. I began doing this prior to them moving to Waltham Nursery and continuously since they moved until my retirement.

I have seen how they began with very little money to build, firstly a small living area in which to raise their family, and then to expand and improve their animals and housing for them. This they have done by dint of hard labour, self taught building skills, ambition and determination. I attended the unit mainly for pony vaccinations, TB testing cattle, occasional health visits for sheep and cattle. Each time I called, the buildings and animal handling systems had been expanded and improved. I saw the living accommodation and met the children.

During this 10 or 11 year period Robert and Bethan have succeeded in raising their two boys, Peter and Georgie, in a rural farm environment, giving them an appreciation of nature, farm animals, poultry, and pets. They believe this to be preferable to the environment and lifestyle of town living. They have achieved all this with the additional difficulty of coping with Georgie's deafness disability and making time to find and give him all the support they possibly can. Robert and Bethan have done all this by working long hours, sharing the burden and with minimal support from social services. I have great admiration and respect for what they have achieved

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through their desire and determination to make a home where they can raise their family in the way they believe to be best. In current times where so many people resort to living off state benefits, Robert and Bethan should be praised and encouraged for their work ethic. Anyone who despises or dislikes what they have done and tries to make difficulties for them, should be ashamed of themselves.

Robert tells me that the living accommodation was created without planning permission and he is now seeking retrospective consent to continue living there with his young family. From an animal welfare point of view, it is important to have the owners living on site as well.

I beseech Cumberland Council planners to grant retrospective planning permission in this case and allow this hard working young family to continue to live happily as they are.

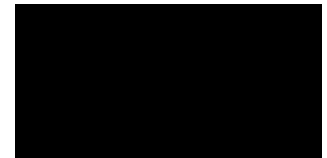
Yours Respectfully,



RICK BROWNE BVMS. MRCVS.

PELLEYMOUNTERS

38-42 Lapstone Road,
Millom,
Cumbria.
LA18 4BU

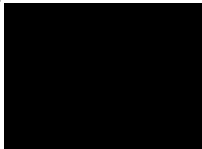


To whom it may concern.

My name is Peter Park and I am owner of Pelleymounters Hardware in Millom.

I can confirm that we have sold and delivered bottled gas to Robert Butler at the little house,
Waltham Nursery for at least the last 12 years.

Yours sincerely



PLF Park



Hill Farm, Bootle Station,

Millom, Cumbria. LA195XH [REDACTED]
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11 December 2024

To whom it may concern,

I am the business owner/director of Fox fencing Ltd. I sell Agricultural Fencing Supplies.

Robert Butler has been a customer of mine, both for his Farm and his Forestry Business since 2014. All of his orders were delivered by myself down to his Farm at Waltham Nursery, The Green, Millom. On most occasions I would visit the Farmhouse to hand over delivery notes and would also, as us farmers do, stay for longer than I should as the kettle was always on and conversation would be flowing.

Rob, Bethan, Peter and George are a very welcoming family, always happy to host a visit from everyone. The boys are keen fell runners and are doing really well with their hobby, strongly supported by Mum & dad. The family are all keen outdoor people and support local charity events throughout the farming community, Tractor Runs, Sports Days, Country Fairs, etc.

Bethan is a hard working mum who supports local fundraising events, usually in the kitchen alongside many farmers wives, providing the catering facilities. She is well known for her baking skills.

Rob has always conducted his business with passion and determination and is well respected for his good work ethics within the community. He also supports charity events by offering his services of organising/marshalling at Charity Tractor Runs.

If I can be of further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Neil Fox

Roanlands
Lady Hall
Millam
Cumbria
LA18 5HR

6th Dec 24.

To Whom it May Concern

Our family have lived and worked in this community for over 60 years, and as a rural farming area we tend to work along side all other farmers. To this end we have known Rob and his family from when they started the farm, nursery and timber yard. We've worked with Rob on several projects both before and after they built their house and started their family back in the early 2010's. Rob and Bethan are valued members of our community.

6.12.24

Jeff Harley
Springfield Quarry
Colton
LA12 8HE

Dear Sir / Madam

My name is Jeff Harley i am a director of JGH LTD, I am writing to you to confirm that Robert Butler has used my Services for haulage for eight years now. I have delivered and collected machinery from Waltham Nursery (his home address) many times since 2016 and all of my correspondence for invoices / documentation etc has also been to this address.

To add, I have always found Robert a very decent, hard working family man and have often had the pleasure of meeting his family at various times during our work. his two sons especially seem very polite and content which is encouraging to see these days.

yours sincerely

