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## **LAMPORT FARMS LIMITED**

## **DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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# **COMPANY INFORMATION**

**Directors** 

W R Butterfield, DL (resigned 18 June 2023)

R L V Isham

Lady Robinson, BA

P A Fenton (resigned 18 June 2023) J T G Harris (appointed 18 June 2023)

**Company secretary** 

Mark Herrod

Registered number

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## DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

#### Directors' responsibilities statement

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'. Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies for the Company's financial statements and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### **Business review**

The company made a profit before tax for the year of £248,800 (2022: £133,438). The taxable profit will be gift aided to the parent charity.

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

The company made no political or charitable donations during the year other than the payment under gift aid as explained in the notes to the accounts.

No material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the ability of the company to continue as a going concern have been identified by the directors.

#### **Directors**

The directors who served during the year were:

W R Butterfield, DL (resigned 18 June 2023) R L V Isham Lady Robinson, BA P A Fenton (resigned 18 June 2023) J T G Harris (appointed 18 June 2023)

## DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

# Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are directors at the time when this Directors' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware, and
- the director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information.

#### **Auditors**

The auditors, Cooper Parry Group Limited, will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

#### Small companies note

In preparing this report, the directors have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the board and signed on its behalf.

John T G Harris

Director

Date: + November 2015

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF LAMPORT FARMS LIMITED

## **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Lamport Farms Limited (the 'Company') for the year ended 31 March 2023, which comprise the Statement of income and retained earnings, the Balance sheet and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

## Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF LAMPORT FARMS LIMITED (CONTINUED)

#### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

## Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic report.

### Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the Directors' responsibilities statement set out on page 1, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF LAMPORT FARMS LIMITED (CONTINUED)

## Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Our assessment focussed on key laws and regulations the Company has to comply with and areas of the financial statements we assessed as being more susceptible to misstatement. These key laws and regulations included but were not limited to compliance with the Companies Act 2006, taxation legislation, data protection, anti-bribery and employment legislation.

We are not responsible for preventing irregularities. Our approach to detecting irregularities included, but was not limited to, the following:

- obtaining an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the Company and how the Company is complying with that framework, including agreement of financial statement disclosures to underlying documentation and other evidence;
- obtaining an understanding of the Company's control environment and how the Company has applied relevant control procedures, through discussions with Directors and other management and by performing walkthrough testing over key areas;
- obtaining an understanding of the Company's risk assessment process, including the risk of fraud;
- · reviewing meeting minutes of those charged with governance throughout the year; and
- performing audit testing to address the risk of management override of controls, including testing journal
  entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant
  transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for bias.

Whilst considering how our audit work addressed the detection of irregularities, we also considered the likelihood of detection of fraud based on our approach. Irregularities arising from fraud are inherently more difficult to detect than those arising from error.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' report.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF LAMPORT FARMS LIMITED (CONTINUED)

## Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Glen Bott FCA (Senior statutory auditor)

Coop Pony Group Limited

for and on behalf of

**Cooper Parry Group Limited** 

Statutory Auditor Cubo Birmingham Office 401, 3rd Floor Two Chamberlain Square Birmingham B3 3AX

Date: 27 February 2024

## STATEMENT OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Turnover		827,971	716,172
Cost of sales		(166,306)	(240,945)
Gross profit	•	661,665	475,227
Administrative expenses		(795,393)	(354,659)
Other operating income		384,618	16,785
Operating profit	•	250,890	137,353
Interest receivable and similar income		1,910	85
Interest payable and expenses		(4,000)	(4,000)
Profit before tax		248,800	133,438
Tax on profit		(46,556)	-
Profit after tax	•	202,244	133,438
Retained earnings at the beginning of the year		302,370	233,593
	•	302,370	233,593
Profit for the year		202,244	133,438
Gift aid paid		(205,763)	(64,661)
Retained earnings at the end of the year		298,851	302,370
There were no recomined using and league for 2022 or 200	22 other than those i	noluded in the	statement of

There were no recognised gains and losses for 2023 or 2022 other than those included in the statement of income and retained earnings.

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

# LAMPORT FARMS LIMITED REGISTERED NUMBER: 01286863

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Note		2023 £		2022 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets  Current assets			524,108		291,129
Stocks		410,944		235,124	
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	5	231,696		324,998	
Cash at bank and in hand	6	29,877	_	118,786	
		672,517		678,908	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(808,118)		(667,665)	
Net current (liabilities)/assets			(135,601)		11,243
Total assets less current liabilities		_	388,507	-	302,372
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year			(43,098)		-
Provisions for liabilities					
Deferred tax		(46,556)		-	
			(46,556)		-
Net assets		_	298,853	- -	302,372
Capital and reserves		_			
Called up share capital			2		2
Profit and loss account			298,851		302,370
		_	298,853	•	302,372
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Thefinancial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf by:

John T G Harris

Directo.

Date: 7 November 2023

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

#### 1. General information

Lamport Farms Limited is a private company limited by shares, incorporated in England and Wales and domiciled in England.

The registered office is Lamport Hall, Northampton, NN6 9HD and the registered number is 01286863.

The company remains principally engaged in farming.

## 2. Accounting policies

## 2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention unless otherwise specified within these accounting policies and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006.

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

## 2.2 Financial Reporting Standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The Company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by the FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland":

the requirements of section 33 Related Party Disclosures paragraph 33.7.

This information is included in the consolidated financial statements of Lamport Hall Preservation Trust as at 31 March 2023 and these financial statements may be obtained from Lamport Hall, Northampton, NN6 9HD.

#### 2.3 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the directors believe that no material uncertainties exist. The directors have considered the level of reserves held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the company to be able to continue as a going concern.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

## 2. Accounting policies (continued)

#### 2.4 Turnover

Turnover is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Company and the turnover can be reliably measured. Turnover is measured as the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, excluding discounts, rebates, value added tax and other sales taxes. The following criteria must also be met before turnover is recognised:

## Sale of goods

Turnover from the sale of goods is recognised when all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- the Company has transferred the significant risks and rewards of ownership to the buyer;
- the Company retains neither continuing managerial involvement to the degree usually associated with ownership nor effective control over the goods sold;
- the amount of turnover can be measured reliably;
- it is probable that the Company will receive the consideration due under the transaction; and
- the costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the transaction can be measured reliably.

#### Rendering of services

Turnover from a contract to provide services is recognised in the period in which the services are provided in accordance with the stage of completion of the contract when all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- the amount of turnover can be measured reliably;
- it is probable that the Company will receive the consideration due under the contract;
- the stage of completion of the contract at the end of the reporting period can be measured reliably; and
- the costs incurred and the costs to complete the contract can be measured reliably.

#### 2.5 Interest income

Interest income is recognised in profit or loss using the effective interest method.

#### 2.6 Finance costs

Finance costs are charged to profit or loss over the term of the debt using the effective interest method so that the amount charged is at a constant rate on the carrying amount. Issue costs are initially recognised as a reduction in the proceeds of the associated capital instrument.

#### 2.7 Pensions

### Defined contribution pension plan

The Company operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the Company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the Company has no further payment obligations.

The contributions are recognised as an expense in profit or loss when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals as a liability in the Balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the Company in independently administered funds.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

## 2. Accounting policies (continued)

#### 2.8 Current and deferred taxation

The tax expense for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in profit or loss except that a charge attributable to an item of income and expense recognised as other comprehensive income or to an item recognised directly in equity is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date in the countries where the Company operates and generates income.

Deferred tax balances are recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed by the balance sheet date, except that:

- The recognition of deferred tax assets is limited to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits; and
- Any deferred tax balances are reversed if and when all conditions for retaining associated tax allowances have been met.

Deferred tax balances are not recognised in respect of permanent differences except in respect of business combinations, when deferred tax is recognised on the differences between the fair values of assets acquired and the future tax deductions available for them and the differences between the fair values of liabilities acquired and the amount that will be assessed for tax. Deferred tax is determined using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

#### 2.9 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets under the cost model are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, on a reducing balance basis.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Plant and Machinery - 25% per annum reducing balance
Motor vehicles - 20% per annum reducing balance
Other fixed assets - 25% per annum reducing balance

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised in profit or loss.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

#### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

#### 2.10 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value, being the estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell.

At each balance sheet date, stocks are assessed for impairment. If stock is impaired, the carrying amount is reduced to its selling price less costs to complete and sell. The impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

#### 2.11 Debtors

Short-term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

## 2.12 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

#### 2.13 Creditors

Short-term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### 2.14 Provisions for liabilities

Provisions are made where an event has taken place that gives the Company a legal or constructive obligation that probably requires settlement by a transfer of economic benefit, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

Provisions are charged as an expense to profit or loss in the year that the Company becomes aware of the obligation, and are measured at the best estimate at the balance sheet date of the expenditure required to settle the obligation, taking into account relevant risks and uncertainties.

When payments are eventually made, they are charged to the provision carried in the Balance sheet.

#### 2.15 Financial instruments

The Company only enters into basic financial instrument transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other debtors and creditors, loans from banks and other third parties, loans to related parties and investments in ordinary shares.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

# 3. Employees

				2023 No.	2022 No.
	Farm Manager			:	1
4.	Tangible fixed assets				
		Plant and machinery £	Motor vehicles £	Other fixed assets £	Total £
	Cost or valuation				
	At 1 April 2022	826,661	13,995	418,009	1,258,665
	Additions	195,035	-	158,637	353,672
	Disposals	(77,462)	-	(75,454)	(152,916)
	At 31 March 2023	944,234	13,995	501,192	1,459,421
	Depreciation				
	At 1 April 2022	733,612	12,440	221,484	967,536
	Charge for the year on owned assets	56,323	389	57,216	113,928
	Disposals	(70,697)	-	(75,454)	(146,151) ————
	At 31 March 2023	719,238	12,829	203,246	935,313
	Net book value				
	At 31 March 2023	224,996	1,166	297,946	524,108
	At 31 March 2022	93,049	1,555	196,525	291,129
5.	Debtors				
				2023 £	2022 £
	Trade debtors			182,960	290,009
	Amounts owed by group undertakings			-	3,600
	Other debtors			45,607	31,389
	Prepayments and accrued income			3,129	
				231,696	324,998

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

6.	Cash	and	cash	equi	ival	ents
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		2023 £	2022 £
	Cash at bank and in hand	29,877	118,786
7.	Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		
		2023 £	2022 £
	Trade creditors	219,285	194,383
	Amounts owed to group undertakings	558,932	468,932
	Obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts	21,551	-
	Accruals and deferred income	8,350	4,350
		808,118	667,665
	Included in amounts owed to group undertakings is a secured loan to Estates amounting to £199,150. The loan is secured by a fixed and flow interest at 1.5% p.a. above National Westminster Bank pls base rate.		

#### 8. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts	43,098	
	43,098	-

#### 9. **Financial instruments**

	2023 £	2022 £
Financial assets		
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss	29,877 ———————————————————————————————————	118,786

Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss consist wholly of cash held at bank and in hand.

#### 10. **Deferred taxation**

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

## 10. Deferred taxation (continued)

		2023 £
Charged to profit or loss		(46,556)
At end of year	_	(46,556)
The deferred taxation balance is made up as follows:		
	2023 £	2022 £
Accelerated capital allowances (4	46,556)	-
(4	46,556)	-

#### 11. Pension commitments

The Company operates a defined contributions pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Company to the fund and amounted to £633 (2022: £3,063). Contributions totalling £Nil (2022: £Nil) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date.

## 12. Related party transactions

The taxable profits for the year will be gift aided to its parent charitable company, Lamport Hall Preservation Trust, within 9 months of the year end.

The company has taken advantage of the exemptions conferred to it as a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking by FRS 102 Section 33.1A. The company is therefore not required to disclose any further transactions with fellow group undertakings.

No other related party transactions took place during the year.

## 13. Controlling party

The directors consider that the controlling related party and ultimate parent undertaking of the company is Lamport Hall Preservation Trust Limited, a registered charity.

The registered office is Lamport Hall, Northampton, NN6 9HD.

Cooper Parry Group Limited Cubo Birmingham Office 401, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Two Chamberlain Square Birmingham B3 3AX

Dear Sirs

Lamport Hall Preservation Trust, and its subsidiaries: Lamport Farms Limited Lamport Enterprises Limited

The following representations are made on the basis of enquiries of management and staff with relevant knowledge and experience such as we consider necessary in connection with your audit of the charitable company's, and its subsidiaries' (together "the group"), financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023. These enquiries have included inspection of supporting documentation where appropriate and are sufficient to satisfy ourselves that we can make each of the following representations. All representations are made to the best of our knowledge and belief.

#### General

- 1 We have fulfilled our responsibilities as trustees and directors, as set out in the terms of your engagement letter, under the Companies Act 2006 for preparing financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view and for making accurate representations to you.
- 2 All the transactions undertaken by the group have been properly reflected and recorded in the accounting records.
- 3 All the accounting records have been made available to you for the purpose of your audit. We have provided you with unrestricted access to all appropriate persons within the group, and with all other records and related information requested, including minutes of all management and trustee meetings and correspondence with The Charity Commission.
- 4 The financial statements are free of material misstatements, including omissions.
- 5 Unadjusted differences have been included in the audit findings report.

#### Internal control and fraud

- We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control systems to prevent and detect fraud and error. We have disclosed to you the results of our risk assessment that the financial statements may be misstated as a result of fraud.
- 7 We have disclosed to you all instances of known or suspected fraud affecting the group involving management, employees who have a significant role in internal control or others that could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- We have also disclosed to you all information in relation to allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the group's financial statements communicated by current or former employees, analysts, regulators or others.

#### Assets and liabilities

- 9 The group has satisfactory title to all assets and there are no liens or encumbrances on the group's assets, except for those that are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.
- 10 All actual liabilities, contingent liabilities and guarantees given to third parties have been recorded or disclosed as appropriate.
- 11 We have no plans or intentions that may materially alter the carrying value and where relevant the fair value measurements or classification of assets and liabilities reflected in the financial statements.

#### **Accounting estimates**

12 Significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.

### Loans and arrangements

13 The group has not granted any advances or credits to, or made guarantees on behalf of, trustees or directors other than those disclosed in the financial statements.

#### Legal claims

14 We have disclosed to you all claims in connection with litigation that have been, or are expected to be, received and such matters, as appropriate, have been properly accounted for, and disclosed in, the financial statements.

#### Laws and regulations

15 We have disclosed to you all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.

#### Related parties

16 Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in the financial statements. We have disclosed to you all relevant information concerning such relationships and transactions and are not aware of any other matters which require disclosure in order to comply with legislative and accounting standards requirements.

#### Subsequent events

17 All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements which require adjustment or disclosure have been properly accounted for and disclosed.

#### Going concern

18 We believe that the group's financial statements should be prepared on a going concern basis on the grounds that current and future sources of funding or support will be more than adequate for the group's needs. We have considered a period of twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements. We believe that no further disclosures relating to the group's ability to continue as a going concern need to be made in the financial statements.

## **Grants and donations**

19 All grants, donations and other income, the receipt of which is subject to specific terms or conditions, have been notified to you. There have been no breaches of terms or conditions in the application of such income.

We acknowledge our legal responsibilities regarding disclosure of information to you as auditors and confirm that so far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information needed by you in connection with preparing your audit report of which you are unaware.

Each trustee has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make themself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that you are aware of that information.

Yours faithfully

Richard Isham

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees

Date: 20 December 2023