



ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, to Our Right Trusty and Right Entirely Beloved Cousin Edward William, Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal and Our Hereditary Marshal of England

Greeting!

WHEREAS by Letters Patent under the hands and Seals of Garter Clarenceux and Norroy and Ulster Kings of Arms bearing date the Fifteenth day of December 1970 certain Arms Crest and Badge and certain Supporters were granted and assigned unto the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Christchurch to be borne and used by the said Corporation on Seals or otherwise according to the Laws of Arms;

AND WHEREAS on the First day of April 1974 pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972 the said Corporation ceased to exist being replaced by The Borough Council of Christchurch;

Royal Licence: Transfer of the Arms of the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Christchurch to Christchurch Town Council

AND WHEREAS by Order in Council made the Nineteenth day of May 1976 We were graciously pleased to order that the Armorial Ensigns granted and assigned as aforesaid might be borne and used by the said Borough Council;

AND WHEREAS by Order of Our Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government made the Twenty-fifth day of May 2018 in exercise of powers conferred by the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 the Borough of Christchurch was abolished as a local government area and the said Borough Council was wound up and dissolved with effect from the First Day of April 2019;

AND WHEREAS by Order of the said Borough Council dated the Seventeenth day of September 2018 made in exercise of powers conferred by the said Act of 2007 a new parish was constituted within the Borough aforesaid with the name Christchurch and the alternative style of Town with a council called Christchurch Town Council all with effect from the First day of April 2019;

AND WHEREAS Christchurch Town Council is desirous of bearing and using the Armorial Ensigns granted and assigned on the Fifteenth day of December 1970;

AND WHEREAS Lesley Margaret Dedman as Mayor of Christchurch and on behalf of its Town Council has by her Petition humbly prayed Our Royal Licence and Authority that the said Armorial Ensigns may be transferred unto and exemplified in the name of Christchurch Town Council to be borne and used by the said Council on its Common Seal or otherwise according to the Laws of Arms;

NOW KNOW YE that We of Our Princely Grace and Especial Favour have given and granted and do by these Presents give and grant unto Christchurch Town Council Our Royal Licence and Authority that it may bear and use the aforesaid Armorial Ensigns on Seals or otherwise according to the Laws of Arms; the said Armorial Ensigns being first duly exemplified according to the Laws of Arms and recorded in Our College of Arms: otherwise this Our Licence and Permission to be void and of none effect:

OUR WILL AND PLEASURE therefore is that you the said Edward William, Duke of Norfolk, to whom the cognizance of matters of this nature doth properly belong, do require and command that this Our Concession and Declaration be recorded in Our College of Arms to the end that Our Officers of Arms and all others upon occasion may take full notice and have knowledge thereof:

AND for so doing this shall be your Warrant.

GIVEN at Our Court at Saint James's

the 14th day of August 2020

In the sixty-ninth Year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command

Robert Buckland