ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR AGRICULTURAL APPLICATIONS

Ribble Valley Borough Council

Applicant Name: Paul Morey

Application Site: Stubbins Farm/Nook, Hothersall Lane, Hothersall, Longridge PR3 2XB

Holding Number: 21/010/0156

Proposed Development: Erection of an agricultural store for equipment and animal feed.

Please answer all parts to this form

1. Land

Total Area of Holding: (Hectares) 3.8

Owned: (Hectares) 3.8

Rented: (Hectares)

If rented, type of tenancy: (AHA, FBT)

Land Use: (Hectares) Pasture: 2.11 Meadow: 0.75

Crop:

Land Quality: (DA/SDA/NVZ) DA

2. Enterprise

Dairy Cows:

Dairy cattle in calf:

Beef Cows:

Bulls:

Other Cattle:

Poultry:

Sheep (ewes): 14

Other Sheep: 25

Location of Lambing: No, currently off site

Sows:

Other Pigs:

Other Livestock:

Crops (Type): Wildflower Meadow

3. Farm Buildings & Machinery

Existing Farm Buildings:
(sizes, type and use) None - currently using domestic garage for some equipment & relying on goodwill of neighbours to store hay.

Farm Machinery:
(type and use) Tractor/mower to maintain wildflower meadow # Rotary Hay Tedder for haymaking (currently left exposed in field - see photo) # Extended Reach Chainsaw & Trimmer for maintainance of hedgerows & trees # Standard Chainsaw for maintenance of trees & windfall # Knapsack Sprayer and Pressure Sprayer with Nitrite Spraying Gloves & Paddock Weed Killer to control reeds & weeds # Petrol Strimmer to maintain meadow & access track # Mole Traps to control pests # Stainless Steel Apple Crusher & Cross Beam Press, Pasteuriser, Apple Crates & Ancillaries for making apple juice

Existing Slurry Capacity: N/A

4. Details of the proposed development

Is the proposal reasonably required for the purposes of agriculture? (Please explain why) The building will be soley used for the storage of hay (which can be produced on site) to feed sheep & storage of equiment that has gradually been aquired to maintain the land. Fences & posts also need constant maintenance & there is a need for materials to be stored/retained on site. There is no working farm or any agricultural outbuildings to maintain the use & sustainability of the agricultural land.

Is the proposed development designed for the purposes of agriculture? (Please explain how)

It has been designed specifically for the storage of hay and agricultural equipment with separate barn-style doors providing independent access to each half of the internal space, providing options for its division & storage use. A separate side door provides quick access to tools & a separate means of escape in case of emergency. The rear elevation is north facing to take the brunt of the weather.

Are there any future plans that are relevant to the proposed development? (Expansion of herd/ diversification ect.)

NOTE: The building will be used for equipment storage only, NOT processing of fruit. Equipment to be stored was used in trail last year for community apple pressing and a new store will enable expansion of this activity across more households. If approved, additional apple trees will also be planted on site.

5. Any further information

Positioning the store adjacent to the main property increases security for equipment/tools. Size and design reflects that allowed under permitted development. The store is set behind the front elevation of the main property. It has a low profile and no visual impact on any other property. The applicant has planted and had laid 35m of new hedging along boundary of the field/proposed site which has been seeded with native wildflower meadow varieties to provide a wildlife habitat in an area surrounded by monoculture grassland. The store will assist the applicant to maintain and develop the wildflower meadow and encourage wildlife diversification. In addition, hay currently produced is transported off site & stored on a goodwill basis. Subsequently when required as feed, it has to be re-transported or bought in. The new store will reduce transport polution and be more sustainable and the hay less subject to degradation.