



Ribble Valley Borough Council

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR AGRICULTURAL APPLICATIONS

Applicant Name: Mr & Mrs Whitwell

Application Site: Land at Meadows Farm

Holding Number: 21/125/0120

Proposed Development: Agricultural building

*Please answer all parts to this form*

### 1. Land

Total Area of Holding: (Hectares) 18

Owned: (Hectares) 18

Rented: (Hectares) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Land Use: (Hectares)      Pasture: 18 (mixed with meadow)      Meadow: 18 (mixed with pasture)  
Crop: \_\_\_\_\_

Land Quality: (DA/SDA/NVZ) Non SDA, grade 3

### 2. Enterprise

Dairy Cows: \_\_\_\_\_

Sheep (ewes): 3 to increase to 50

Dairy cattle in calf: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Sheep: \_\_\_\_\_

Beef Cows: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Lambing: \_\_\_\_\_

Bulls: \_\_\_\_\_

Sows: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Cattle: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Pigs: \_\_\_\_\_

Poultry: 10

Other Livestock: \_\_\_\_\_

Crops (Type): \_\_\_\_\_

### **3. Farm Buildings & Machinery**

**Existing Farm Buildings:**

(sizes, type and use) None

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**Farm Machinery:**

(type and use)

The applicant currently has 1 agricultural tractor (90hp), hedge cutter, tipping trailer, roller and chain harrow for basic management. Once the building is built, the plan will be to purchase mowing machinery and a till spreader. Photographs showing the current machinery are shown

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**Existing Slurry Capacity:** No slurry - sheep and chicken muck only

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### **4. Details of the proposed development**

Is the proposal reasonably required for the purposes of agriculture? (Please explain why)

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The new building will be used for the storage of implements, machinery, stock feed, round bales of hay and for housing/lambing sheep. The holding does not currently have an agricultural building so the applicant is unable to build up stock numbers from what they are already. Please refer to the site plan and elevation plans for further information, showing the proposed building edged red - further information in the supporting statement.

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

The building will be of galvanized steel portal frame construction, clad to all elevations in timber yorkshire boarding with concrete block walls and concrete base. The roof will be metal roof sheets. The building will be closed sided for livestock housing purposes, however the openings will allow ease of entry for machinery, for more information on the building, please refer to the attached elevation drawings. The proposed height of the development will allow the farming enterprise to store all farm machines, vehicles, equipment and bales. The proposed location for the development has been considered in depth by the Applicant. It provides easy access to the farmed land and access.

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

The applicant owns 3 Ryeland sheep at present (originally 4) and the future plan is to grow a pedigree breeding herd in conjunction with farming the land for haylage/silage (2 or 3 cuts per year). Will is from a farming community and grew up on farms in Pendleton assisting with haymaking, milking and general farm hand work. He is looking to grow the herd to 50. Please see the supporting statement for the background information of the applicant.

## **5. Any further information**

Please see the planning statement