

## Supporting statement

Proposed agricultural building to enclose livestock gathering area.

Land off longridge road hurst green BB7 9QP

The proposed building is to roof over an existing livestock gathering area, at a 32 acre block of grassland. This land is separated from the main farmstead (grindlestone) by the highway. it is an area predominantly utilized for grazing cattle and sheep as part of our dairy beef and sheep farming enterprises.

We are seeking permission to roof our livestock gathering area for the following reason:

\*To allow the area to be used in all weather conditions, livestock require daily husbandry tasks to be carried out regardless of the weather, tb testing can need to be carried out as frequent as every 60 days this requires a vet on site to carry out the test, a safe working environment is crucial for this and many other tasks. Being able to roof our gathering area would very much help this.

\*Having a dry and safe gathering area will allow us to carry out all routine husbandry task for livestock without the need to run the livestock on the main highway back to the main farmstead.

\*To allow handling and weighing equipment to be kept on site which cannot be left in the open elements, currently we are having to transport equipment to and from the site; being able to keep such equipment on site will therefore reduce journeys to and from the site.

\*By roofing the gathering area, it would help prevent dirty water runoff and water pollution

The building will be constructed from a steel portal frame with cement fibre roof sheets, timber cladding and concrete Panels, typical of a modern agricultural buildings in the area.