

Planning Statement

**In Support of a Prior Notice
application for the demolition of an
existing agricultural building which
is in a state of dereliction**

**Higher Highfield Farm, Tinklers
Lane, Slaidburn, Clitheroe BB7 4TP
28th March 2025**

The Site

Site Location

Higher Highfield Farm is a long established farm comprising 130 hectares of owned land and 60 hectares of rented land. It is located at the northern end of an approximately 450m long access track off the north side of the main road between Tosside and Slaidburn (B6478).

This application seeks prior approval to demolish a dilapidated agricultural building, which goes hand in glove with a simultaneous prior notice application for a new purpose-built calf shed, which is subject to grant aid by the rural payments agency to encourage better animal welfare and farm management

RPA requirements

Grant funded calf housing must provide a good ambient environment and facilitate social contact through pair or group housing. A good ambient environment must ensure good air quality, temperature, and humidity within the building through choice of suitable location, ventilation, and other building features.

A successful project will:

- improve calf health and welfare
- enhance environmental sustainability
- introduce innovation

Site Analysis

The site is agricultural land in and around the farmstead and is down to grassland with a yard area at the farm, central in the land with a range of agricultural buildings to serve the enterprise.

The current proposal is to demolish a dilapidated building