



Ribble Valley Borough Council

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR AGRICULTURAL APPLICATIONS

Applicant Name: Mr Tom Pope

Application Site: Fells Farm, Wigglesworth Road, Slaidburn, Lancashire, BD23 4SY

Holding Number: They don't have an agricultural holding number as they don't farm animals.
Rural payments customer number - 1106796799

Proposed Development: Prior notification for proposed agricultural building under Part 6 Class A of the GDPO

Please answer all parts to this form

1. Land

Total Area of Holding: (Hectares) 12

Owned: (Hectares) 12

Rented: (Hectares) _____

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

Land Use: (Hectares) Pasture: x Meadow: x

Crop: Hay

Land Quality: (DA/SDA/NVZ) Meadow & pasture

2. Enterprise

Dairy Cows: _____

Sheep (ewes): _____

Dairy cattle in calf: _____

Other Sheep: _____

Beef Cows: _____

Location of Lambing: _____

Bulls: _____

Sows: _____

Other Cattle: _____

Other Pigs: _____

Poultry: _____

Other Livestock: _____

Crops (Type): Hay meadow

3. Farm Buildings & Machinery

Existing Farm Buildings:

(sizes, type and use) Farmhouse with attached barn.

The applicant has purchased the farm from a farmer who also had additional land and buildings.

The only agricultural building within the applicant's ownership is the attached barn, which will no longer be used for agricultural purposes due to the recent planning approval to demolish the existing house and convert the existing barn. The barn in its current form would require work to accommodate their equipment. The previous owner had a steel portal framed building to house such equipment, which remains within the farmer's ownership.

Farm Machinery:

(type and use) A digger, dump truck, tractors for mowing,

quad bike, trailer, fertiliser, seed, feed, hay bales, fencing, logs. The machinery requires secure storage from the weather and is required to maintain and manage the land (equipment and supplies).

The building will also house a water treatment plant serving the farm's spring/borehole water supply, along with a small toilet. Solar panels installed on the roof will generate renewable energy to power both the barn and the main Fells Farm property, forming a key part of the applicant's longer-term goal to operate as a fully off-grid sustainable farm.

Existing Slurry Capacity: None

4. Details of the proposed development

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

The applicants purchased 12 hectares of agricultural land with their farm. The 12 hectares has been farmed by a local farmer before them, which they want to continue to farm. The farm is actively engaged in wildflower meadow restoration, tree/forestry planting and ongoing land management.

Additionally, the building will provide storage for forestry equipment in support of the applicant's expanding

woodland planting programme, undertaken in partnership with the Woodland Trust as part of their MoreWoods scheme.

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

The building is a standard-sized portal-framed agricultural building, clad in timber with a stone plinth

Designed and manufactured by an agricultural building supplier. The doors provide adequate height to store tractors and other machinery and equipment.

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

5. Any further information