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Planning Dept
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Dear Sir

ERECTION OF BARN TO REPLACE DELAPIDATED BUILDINGS

Further to our meeting please find enclosed our resubmission of plans for the above.

The barn is required to house livestock (horses at the moment), store feed and bedding, (hay, haylage and straw etc) and provide an undercover area for animal husbandry, this area being a necessity in the harsh winter months which we experience in this Pennine area. The barn will be built as one building and then subdivided internally with semi-permanent partitions to suit our needs at this moment in time, leaving us with the option to alter the interior in the future should we decide to keep other livestock such as cattle, sheep etc.

The dimensions of the existing buildings are approximately 17.6m long, the new barn will be slightly smaller at 17m long and will be lower in height than the existing barn. The old buildings are approximately 4.5m high and 6.4m wide giving a surface area of gable end approximately 27.2m sq, the new building will be 3.945m high and 7m wide giving a surface area of gable end approximately 25m sq. Thus reducing the overall size of the existing buildings.

The new building will look far more aesthetically pleasing in stone/tin rather than the old concrete/ tin buildings at the moment. We already have reclaimed Yorkshire stone on site, which we intend to use rather than freshly quarried stone. Photos are enclosed showing the dilapidated old barn, these photos were taken just after the storms of February 2007, and subsequently the remaining tins have been removed from the old barn for safety reasons. We feel that the views from surrounding houses, footpaths and roads will be far more in keeping with local farm buildings already in the area, and will be an improvement on the views of the dilapidated buildings which exist at present. Keeping the height of the building as low as possible will help reduce the visual impact on the environment.

We do have a DEFRA Holding number for the property, although we are not a working farm at present. However, we regularly help our elderly neighbouring farmer with his livestock and have previously housed up to a dozen lambs in lambing season which we have hand reared for him. We are also keen ornithologists and intend to incorporate owl nesting boxes in the gable ends as with the redevelopment of lots of old barns there is a shortage of nesting sites for owls, we currently have nesting boxes in the trees around our property which are used by Blue tits and Great tits.

We hope that this application will be looked upon favourably as we feel we are trying to improve the overall look of the countryside around us.

Yours faithfully

Sally Murray

MR & MRS P S MURRAY

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