

Application for new
agricultural building to
North Hollin Moor Lane
S35 7BB

Supporting Documents
relating to need for new
building

Justification

The land was originally part of Upper East Field farm which was disposed of by the Thornley Taylor estate in around 2010. As such there were no facilities or development on this parcel of land apart from one water trough. We purchased the land in January 2015 with the intention of establishing a smallholding, to raise mostly native cattle and sheep. As such, making the land stock proof was the first priority and much of 2015 was spent re-fencing the land and erecting a set of yards to allow safe handling of the stock. Significant stores of hay and small bale haylage were also produced with the aid of used but serviceable farm machinery purchased for the purpose. As such, there was insufficient time to obtain approval and erect a shed to house this machinery and fodder before the start of the winter. As we are all aware the winter of 2015-2016 has been one of the wettest on record and the images below document the fact that most of the fodder we produced was lost due to weather and stock damage, therefore incurring considerable expense in buying fodder and concentrate over the winter. In addition our machinery has been left exposed to the elements to sink in the mud. We therefore desperately need to erect the shed proposed in this application in order to protect investment already made and continue to develop our fledgling business.



Fig. 1: Remnants of home produced hay (left- 200 small bales) and small bale haylage (150 bales), the majority of which was rendered unusable over winter due to weather damage in combination with damage inflicted by horned native cattle to haylage wrapping.



Fig. 2: Tractor and haymaking machinery left exposed to the elements. The need to use the tractor to feed purchased large bale haylage also resulted in significant ground damage to the fields which we are now attempting to reseed.