

6th June 2018
Our Ref: 8004

Planning Department
North York Moors National Park Authority
The Old Vicarage
Bondgate
Helmsley, York
YO62 5BP

Dear Sirs,

RE- Prior Notification of Agricultural Development- Longstones Farm, Sneatonthorpe, Whitby, YO22 5JG

Please find attached herewith a completed prior notification application form together with payment cheque for £80.00. Accompanying the application is the supporting agricultural information together with the following drawings-

- 01- Location Plan
- 02- Existing Block Plan
- 03- Proposed Block Plan
- 04- Proposed Shed



The proposed building is reasonably necessary for the purpose of agriculture. Mr Shardlow and his family continue to grow crops on their farm alongside the parts that have seen diversification. The adjacent Longstones Farm traditional buildings have been converted into holiday accommodation. The principle farmhouse at Beacon Farm, Sneaton has seen the surrounding traditional and non-traditional agricultural buildings used for commercial purposes as part of their ice cream and café business.

Diversification over the years has enabled the business to survive but has diminished the space available for agricultural purposes. At Longstones Farm before the holiday cottage development there were a number of farm buildings onsite however these were demolished. The prime reasons for this were to improve the general appearance of the site, make it more attractive to guests of the holiday cottages and to remove buildings that were of an inferior quality. The picture below

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illustrates the footprint and type of buildings that were onsite. Removal of these also enabled the cottages to have a better view which is a key factor in trying to get guests to rent accommodation in this rural position.



The proposed shed is primarily for grain storage and purpose built for this function. The position of the shed as demonstrated on drawing number 3 has been chosen for the following reasons;

- This section of land is on the existing access track.
- The self-set datum and levels on the existing and proposed block plans demonstrate that this section of land is lower than the cottages and cottage gardens therefore will limit the sheds impact on the wider landscape.
- Suitably away from the adjacent holiday cottages so as to not cause disturbance during the harvest period but also close enough so it does not stand out in the landscape.
- At the present time Mr Shardlow and his family utilise neighbouring farms and their buildings not only to store grain during the harvest period but also for drying and storage of fertilizer and some general farm machinery. The proposed shed will enable grain storage onsite and better management of the quality of the grain to meet regulations and accreditation schemes.

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It is therefore concluded that the development is necessary for agricultural purposes to protect the long term future of the existing farm business. The impact on the landscape has been limited with the position of the shed and proposed native species hedge planting.

I trust you find the above and attached in order however should you have any queries or require any further information please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours Sincerely

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