

10th August 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. The fee from the recently withdrawn prior notification still stands therefore no additional fees enclosed. Accompanying the application is the supporting agricultural information together with the following drawings-

01- Location Plan Rev A

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 illustrates the footprint and type of buildings that were onsite. Removal of these also enabled the

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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 current proposed position of the shed as demonstrated on the location plan is as a result of advice from the NYMNP through Helen Webster and Mark Hill.

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.

It is therefore concluded that the development is necessary for agricultural purposes to protect the long term future of the existing farm business.

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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

Louis Stainthorpe

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CC Mr Mike Shardlow



Supporting Agricultural Information

Applicants/Agents are encouraged to complete the tables below as this will enable the Authority to speed up the processing of the notification. The purpose of this form is to provide basic information on the farm system to help assess the need and appropriateness of an agricultural building within the National Park.

Livestock Numbers	Average Number Throughout the Year	Notes
Dairy Cows	/	
Suckler Cows/Heifers Over 24 Months	/	
Followers (6-24 months)	/	
Breeding Ewes/Tups	/	
Hoggs	/	
Other Livestock	2 GOATS 2 HIGHLAND CATTLE	

Land	Area (Hectares)	Notes
Size of Holding	69.38	14.28 HA WOODLAND FOR BIOMASS BOLLER
Available Grazing Land	2.04	
Arable Land	53.06	
Moorland		
Grazing Land on Short Term Tenancy		

The above will help us determine the stocking density on the farm.



**List Main Existing
Agricultural Buildings**

**Approximate
Dimensions (in metres)**

Existing Usage/Notice

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Any Other Relevant Information

N/A - SEE LETTER .