

Second Statement For Planning Application No. 20/01603/AGN

I feel I may have done myself a disservice by not mentioning any of the improvements at Parsons Barn Farm since our arrival.

We purchased Parsons Barn Farm in September 2009. Introducing an Aberdeen Angus herd which we have added to by rearing our own young stock on. Up until our arrival the farm had not had cattle. Growing only grass for retail and importing sawdust for resale. Through the application of manure from the cattle and good farming practice the fertility of the farm has improved. We have cleaned ditches out, attended to drainage pipes that had ceased working and replaced fencing. Consequently, improving productivity on the farm.

The farm buildings were in poor repair due to the lack of maintenance and the fact the materials used were second hand. We have spent a considerable amount of money replacing roofs, down pipes and guttering. This we hope has made the place a lot more presentable. After the new workshop there is the cattle barn to replace or renovate depending on costs. We have learnt to our cost it is cheaper sometimes to start afresh than trying to patch a building up. Example of this is the egg packing building. A new roof plus new side cladding. It would have been cheaper to start again with a new shed.

The building we are applying for permission to replace, has been used during our ownership as a blacksmiths forge and welding shed, plus the storage of wood collected from around the farm. The roof leaks in many places and the building is unsafe. I refer you to the engineers report included in the application. The building also floods being lower than the yard. We are required by Health & Safety and our insurers to do risk assessments. We cannot do welding without danger to our straw and hay/ straw further down the yard. I also have to be mindful of my tenants the Gentlevan Removal company.

We currently have no secure storage for our ATV motorbike or chainsaws. Plus dry secure storage for farm materials such as fencing posts etc. These sit outside in the weather.

I hope this explanation helps in your decision process.

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