

Brookfield Farm Potatoes
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Dear Sir/ Madam

I have recently received a letter informing me that I require planning permission for two wooden sheds being used as a farm shop at the front of my house. I was under the impression that as these sheds are moveable, temporary structures that planning permission was not required. They are mounted on pallets and are moved regularly to allow access to our farm. The farm shop is an unmanned honesty shed.

Originally, in 2017 we started to sell our own home grown potatoes at the farm gate in a small wooden stall. After this proved very popular, we progressed to grow more vegetables and then had two stalls which were removed every night to the undercover farm barn. Eventually in December 2019, we put a 2.8m by 2.8m wooden shed on a pallet at the bottom of my front garden to keep the produce dry. It has always been a honesty shed where customers pay by card or put money in a box. As time went on we stocked more products at the request of customers so we also have another overflow shed which is 3m by 1.8m at the farm gate. Both sheds are under 2.5m high. I have attached a photograph of me moving one of the sheds.

During lockdown this provided many customers with an essential safe place to shop with no contact with other people and we were listed on the council's list for recommended Covid suppliers. I also frequently deliver to vulnerable and elderly customers.

The reason why the sheds are at the gate and not on the farm is because we are a red tractor assured poultry farm and for biosecurity reasons we do not want members of the public going on to the farm because of the potential bird flu risk.

Garry Phillips
A&J Phillips & Sons
Brookfield Farm

