

Planning Statement: Installation of Sheep Shed

**Hill Farm
Holmrook
Cumberland
CA19 1UG
REF: HT1648.1**

Applicant: Mr Oliver Watson

The application site is on land associated within the immediate working environs and inbye of Hill Farm at Holmrook.

The Applicant is in need of a bespoke modern standards indoor lambing and utility building to enhance the welfare and long-term viability of an expanding flock of rare breed sheep (Dutch Spotted Sheep) and therefore by association the longer-term diversity and viability of the family farm.

Facility for indoor lambing is a farm industry standard method with covered sheltered being essential for efficient farming and stock well-being to protect the stock on a 24-hour basis throughout the lambing season

The impact of the proposal on both the wider landscape and setting will be minimal, appropriate in context and usage as the new building will sit logically within the visual mass and purpose of the existing farm buildings alongside structures of similar form and colour palette already on site while any increase in the day-to-day logistics of farm operations will be minimal over and above those already in situ. In addition the introduction of sheep stock on a low key basis to what is an otherwise a predominantly cattle focussed site will serve to diversify usage.

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