

Justification Statement for – Agricultural Barn – Mr Kyle Doherty

The proposed development comprises the erection of an agricultural barn, on agricultural land as stated in the application (Frizington, Cumbria).

The agricultural unit within Frizington comprises over 16 acres. The land as stated on the application map, plus additional rented land some of which is adjacent to Mr Doherty's land (across Frizington Road) The land is used predominantly for sheep grazing (flock number – 442257) and hay / haylage.

The barn will be used exclusively for agricultural purposes, specifically for the storage of hay and the secure housing of farm machinery and tools required for the day-to-day operation of the holding. The barn is essential to provide storage for agricultural bales and machinery.

The proposed unit: Steel framed agricultural barn unit. The proposed building will length of 18m and breadth of 12m. The proposed building's walls are to be green coloured tin sheets

Proposed usage:

The building is solely for agricultural purposes in connection with the current farming activities. The barn will provide vital storage space for hay and haylage, which is sold to customers and is also required to feed animals during the winter months when grazing is limited. The barn will also be used to store feed, fencing and agricultural tools.

The building is essential for protecting the quality of hay and for storing equipment and machinery necessary for managing pasture, tending to sheep, and carrying out general farm operations. Without suitable covered storage, feed would deteriorate, and machinery would be at greater risk of damage, leading to inefficiencies in the running of the holding. The barn will be locked, making sure that the equipment is kept out of sight and safe.

Scale and siting: The barn is appropriately scaled for its intended function and sited to allow safe, practical access. Its position minimises any unnecessary intrusion into the landscape while ensuring operational efficiency.

Design and appearance: The design is simple, functional, and consistent with typical agricultural buildings, ensuring it reflects the character of a working farm.

The proposal is reasonably necessary for agriculture within the land unit and directly supports the operation of the farming enterprise.