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Dear Mark,

Planning for Cattle Housing

I am writing to you regarding an email received for the planning application at Hill Farm, Holmrook.

Mr Watson runs a beef farm from the premises & needs the additional housing to house the cattle he farms. Farm work generally starts at 6.30am and finishes by 6.30pm, however due to animal welfare there are occasions when he will need to care for animals outside of these hours. This will not differ from any other farm up and down the Country.

Machinery will run during the hours above, however seasonally, or on occasion tasks need to be undertaken out of hours. Such as Silage time, harvest, or if a feed wagon has been stuck in traffic for example.

With regards to the point around the business activities, all farmers are food producers, producing food for general public to eat and enjoy. Therefor they are reared and sold, whether that be direct to an abattoir, auction or privately. Farmers at the end of the day are food producers and sell stock on a regular basis to ensure we are all fed.

As a local group secretary of the NFU, we have seen a rise in numbers of cattle on farm over the last 5 years, due to costs of running small units not being economical to sustain. However Mr Watson is running a average size farm, in relation other livestock farmers in the area.

Yours sincerely

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NFU Group Secretary