Planning Statement Change of use of existing general purpose agricultural shed to beef cattle housing. REV A 29.2.24

On behalf of Mr R. Watson Hill Farm, Holmrook Cumberland CA19 1UG

Ref: HT1648.3

The current building was previously approved via Cumberland Council (Ref: 4/23/2096/0N1) as a general purpose agricultural shed.

The Applicant's intention is to re-purpose the existing building as cattle housing to improve animal welfare and biosecurity by providing more space for the cattle. This will make it harder for disease to spread due to the decrease in population density as a result of the new, larger housing.

The surrounding buildings and will subsequently be retained as a combination of the continued housing of young stock and followers alongside the general purpose storage of plant and machinery. There will be no material change in access to the site will remain and any increase in vehicle movements will be minimal.

The visual impact of increased physical usage of the building will be mitigated by the mass of existing built form to the immediate East of the shed and the screening effect of the recently approved lambing shed and associated timber board fence to the North. Whilst it is accepted that each case is project specific the repurposing of agricultural buildings is common practice in the locality.

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