APPLICATION FOR PRIOR APPROVAL OF CHANGE OF AGRICULTURAL BUILDING AND LAND WITHIN ITS CURTILAGE TO A USE WITHIN CLASS C3 (DWELLINGHOUSES) AND BUILDING OPERATIONS REASONABLY NECESSARY TO CONVERT THE BUILDING TO SUCH A USE AT MIDDLE HULME FARM, MEERBROOK, STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS, ST13 8SW

The attached form is submitted under Class Q of Part 3 of Schedule 2 to the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015, (SI 2015/596) as an application for prior approval for a change of use of a building and any land within its curtilage from a use as an agricultural building to a use falling within Class C3 (dwellinghouses) of the Schedule to the Use Classes Order and building operations reasonably necessary to convert the building referred to in paragraph (a) to a use falling within Class C3 (dwellinghouses) of that Schedule. Attached also is a cheque for £172 which represents the application fee.

This proposal involves the change of use of an agricultural building to form two three-bedroomed dwellings. The proposal also involves alterations to the building reasonably necessary to accommodate the proposed two dwellings. The proposed two dwellings will gain vehicular access from the existing farm track that has access off the site entrance off Tittersworth Lane. The current building is a modern metal framed and metal sheet clad building erected in 1969. It is structurally sound and capable of being converted to two dwellings without rebuilding works being required.

Class Q sets out the criteria for permitted development rights to operate. The proposal complies with that criteria as follows: -

- a) The agricultural building has been used for agricultural purposes since it was erected and was solely used for agricultural purposes on 20th March 2013;
- b) The cumulative floor area of the existing building is less than 450sq.m.;
- c) This application for prior approval does not exceed 3 dwellings and no further applications of a similar nature have been submitted on the land;
- d) The site is not occupied under an agricultural tenancy;
- e) Tenant details are not applicable given d);
- f) Development under Class A (a) or Class B (a) of Part 6 has not been carried out since 20th March 2013;
- g) The dimensions of the dwelling do not extend beyond the external dimensions of the existing building;
- h) The proposed dwellings do not result in more than 450sq.m. of floor space;