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18th December 2017

Staffordshire Moorlands District Council
Moorlands House
Stockwell Street
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Staffordshire Moorlands
ST13 6HQ

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Planning Application: Hayes Gate Farm, Star Bank, Oakamoor

In support of the above planning application, we confirm our agricultural status as follows:

- the barn was used for storing our own farm implements, ie: tractors, trailers, mowers, toppers, wheelbarrows, spades, etc
- hay in various quantities at different times of the year has been stored in this building & adjoining lean-too.

However, we have not personally ever used the shed for livestock.

We also attach some additional information which confirms our agricultural status:-

We have been farming since 2005, & our RPA CPH holding number is: 37/019/0053, and our SBI no: is 110229907

We purchased Hayes Gate Farm buildings & 13 acres of ground on 13 November 2012 as these farm buildings & ground adjoin our own existing farm ground. These were accordingly added to our RPA Holding. We have our own Rural Land Register Maps as Sheet ID: SKO 746 parcel ID's 0104 & 1103.

We are registered as Farmers for VAT & HMRC Tax purposes.
One of the fields number purchased with Hayes Gate has a covenant on it for agricultural purposes.
On our land we graze sheep, and the two fields immediately in front of Hayes Gate are cut in either July or August (as they are in the Higher Level Stewardship Scheme) for hay making only.
There are always ongoing farming tasks such as: hedge cutting, hedge laying, fencing and the like being carried out on the holding on a regular & timely basis.
There has been no other use of the building during our ownership, it has only been used for agriculture.

If you require any additional details, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

M A & Mrs M Mellor