Upper Moorend Farm
Stoney Lane
Cauldon
ST10 3EP

21st July 2018

Dear Sirs

Re: Planning Application Ref No .....PP 06966092.

We write in support of our planning application in which we request permission to improve our home at Upper Moorend Farm, Cauldon. We would like to erect two static caravans to our small-holding, with the intention of letting them, on a short-term basis to the general public. One of the vans will provide full disabled facilities for guests - we are passionate about being able to offer a fully inclusive experience to all visitors, including those who may have special needs. We firmly believe that the outdoors and countryside, should be accessible to everyone, including visiting our farm.

Our previous guests have been able to encounter farm life at first hand. This has involved seeing calves and lambs being born, bottle feeding lambs, watching chicks and ducklings hatch and feeding poultry and animals. These are experiences many people have not had the opportunity to see or become involved in. We are also able to offer the opportunity to ride ponies in a safe and instructive environment.

We are extremely conscious of the impact of our activities on the environment and always aim to minimise any negative impact wherever possible. We practice and support efforts to reduce and minimise waste and recycle materials where possible. My wife is a qualified and experienced horticulturist, having previously worked with special needs children and latterly run her own garden centre business. She now works within the Prison Service providing gardening education and instruction to prisoners, and running and developing the on-site garden centre, which is open to the general public. All hard landscaping and natural areas in our ownership is managed and protected in a sympathetic and environmentally friendly way, which supports indigenous species of plants, animals and insects - this in turn will encourage wildlife and nature to flourish. This is an area which we, as a family, are passionate about encouraging and making available to our guests and neighbours alike.

We have lived at Upper Moorend Farm for 10 years and are actively involved in the community. An element of our overall ethos is to encourage visitors and tourists to enjoy Staffordshire and all it has to offer, and also to support our local community and economy. There are a number of public houses, a fish and chip shop, Indian Restaurant and local shops in the immediate areas, all of which benefit from and value visitors to the area. We actively promote as many of these businesses as we can to support them as best we can.

Our application includes plans for a wooden framed lambing shed: this will allow us to care for our current flock of sheep and herd of goats. This is an area which we would like to be able to develop further. Winter can be hard and long in the Staffordshire Moorlands - as animal welfare is a top