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re: Planning application of Mr D Clement, Ball Green Farm, Norton Green.

To whom it concerns;

I am writing in support of the above application by Mr Clement to erect a new shed at Ball Green Farm.

The current shed for housing the cows has serious issues which compromise the comfort and welfare of the cows. Among the issues are:

- Feed area: Current feed space is limited, restricting cow intakes and meaning they have to spend longer standing waiting to eat.
- Slurry build up: The difficulty in cleaning out the current feed area means slurry builds up leading to increased infection pressure, and increased levels of lameness, especially foul in the foot and digital dermatitis. Lameness is a serious welfare issue for any farm, and conditions in the current accommodation make it difficult to control.
- Cubicles: These are quite old now and of an old design which is not as comfortable for modern, larger cows.

A new, purpose-built shed with better feed passages and alleyways, and modern comfort cubicles, would help eliminate the problems listed above. This would I believe, have a positive impact on cow comfort and welfare on the farm.

For these reasons, I am happy to support this application.

Yours sincerely,

STEPHEN M CLANCY MRCVS