From: Stephen Lowndes <> 05 October 2020 11:15
Sent: Planning Comments (SMDC)
To: FAO Ben Hurst re SMD/2020/0357
Subject:

Morning Ben,

Based on the information on the planning portal I believe you are dealing with our planning application SMD/2020/0357. On 31st July 2020 Bagnall Parish Council emailed with a number of points that they required clarification on:

Stables and equipment store – We do currently have the benefit of a relatively large stable block which went through the required planning channels. In our view, this creates a legitimate use for our land-holding of 18 acres ie. equestrian. We do also have the benefit of an equipment store which stores our tractor and other mechanical land management equipment. Since we now store all mechanical equipment in the store we have had no farm thefts of equipment which were becoming a regular occurrence before the store was built.

Design of hay store - The 3 x door openings on the proposed design are 2.6m high by 2.6m wide. This will accommodate our IMT tractor which is 2.3m high by 1.8m wide. The location of the hay store was chosen as it is located in the field in which the hay will be cultivated and is also a mirror image of the agricultural stone building build by our neighbours recently. In our view, a cluster of traditional stone built buildings will have less impact on green-belt than a more modern steel structure for example. Again, in our view, the buildings will complement the stone built farm-house (158 Bagnall Road) and stone built barn (156 Bagnall Road) that were built in the 1850's. No track will be required across the field as the tractor is used on all fields currently anyway to manage the land eg. chain harrowing, rolling, topping, muck spreading etc etc.

If you need any more information regarding this application please let me know.

Regards,

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