

Further to the statement of case submitted by the local authority and comments made on the application, I wish to reply with the following.

In paragraph 2.2 the LPA comment on the views from Bentygrange Lane, this is an unclassified single track road with few passing places and has light traffic use, those that use the lane are from the properties nearby, none of which have any objections to the proposals.

Paragraph 2.3 questions the rental of the additional land off Martinslow Lane, the landowner Mr R Hollister has confirmed rental of this land with his comments to the Planning Inspectorate.

Paragraph 2.5, again mentions that the appellant is builder. Many farmers have 2 jobs, with farming not necessarily being their primary or main source of income, the applicant feels he is being discriminated against for this. Although the holding is not classed as established in the fact it can sustain the family from the income provided by farming, the appellant has worked in farming for many years and as per the comments from Mr Hollister and the vets, he has been farming for many years and this is not a new venture in its entirety. Public benefits would be the production of fodder for local butchers and supermarkets. As many farms are shutting down surely support should be provided for those wanting to expand and start a viable holding!

Paragraph 3.1. There are many agricultural buildings within this area, many of which sit 'isolated' from the dwelling and some with no dwelling nearby at all.