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Submission: Support

Comments: I am writing to express my full support for the proposed construction of a pig ark on this site. The addition of a small, well-designed shelter will contribute positively to animal welfare standards and enable the keeping of traditional native livestock in an appropriate, low-impact manner.

In particular, the applicant's intention to keep British Saddleback pigs is commendable. The British Saddleback is a recognised rare breed, with breeding numbers so low that there are now fewer Saddleback pigs (378) globally than giant pandas (2464). Allowing suitable infrastructure for their care therefore contributes directly to the preservation of an important part of our agricultural heritage.

The proposed pig ark is modest in scale, visually unobtrusive, and entirely in keeping with the character of an agricultural setting. It will not generate noise, traffic, or adverse environmental impact. Instead, it supports responsible land management and the conservation of rare native livestock.

For these reasons, I strongly support approval of this application.

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