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Our Ref: 13820

Dear Sir Madam,

**Planning Application for the erection of pigeon shed at Land at Deer Hill End Road,
Meltham, Huddersfield**

Please find enclosed a planning application to regularise the siting of shed that is used to house pigeons on land off Deer Hill End Road, Meltham.

The applicant was approached by the Council to submit a planning application after the Council had been notified that the shed comprises unauthorised development.

The shed has been on site since August 2019, when the applicant bought 16 Stock Pigeons with a view to breeding them for racing. There are currently approximately 40 pigeons in the shed, 16 of which will be ready to race next year (2021).

The applicant is a member of the Royal Pigeon Racing Association as well as a member of the Holm Valley Flying Club.

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The site comprises a field to the north of Deer Hill End Road, in Meltham. The site is predominantly used by the applicant for agricultural purposes, either for keeping sheep or pigs on a rotational basis, however the site is not farmed intensively and there is scope for the site to be used for additional purposes.

The applicant lives on Moorhead Close in Meltham. There is no room for such a building at his house, nor would a building for such use be in keeping within the character of the neighbourhood.

The proposed development provides a site for the applicant to practice his hobby that is a safe environment for the pigeons that will not impact on the residential amenity of others.

The National Planning Policy Frameworks sets out that the construction of new building as being inappropriate within the Green Belt. Paragraph 145 of the NPPF sets out the exceptions to this. Part (b) of paragraph 145 sets out that *“the provision of appropriate facilities (in connection with the existing use of land or change of use) for outdoor sport, outdoor recreation.... as long as the facilities preserve the openness of the Green Belt and do not conflict with the purposes of including land within it”*.

We believe the proposed development comprises facilities outdoor recreation and therefore accords with the part (b) of paragraph 145 of the NPPF.

With regard preserving the openness of the Green Belt, it should be noted that the development sits to the side of a field in proximity of a relatively high dry-stone wall. The building is sited parallel to the boundary wall, meaning only the end of the building is visible from Deer Hill End Road to the south, reducing the visual impact of the building. The

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building is built from timber and resembles what may be considered to be a traditional small agricultural building. We therefore believe the proposed development preserves the openness of the Green Belt. Furthermore, the building does not conflict the purpose of including land within the Green Belt.

It should also be noted that the building sits on top of the land with no footings or services and can easily be removed if/when the need for the use ceases.

I hope you agree that the information above and the attached details are sufficient for you to validate and subsequently approve this planning application.

Yours sincerely,

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