

Addendum

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1.0 Update

- 1.1 A letter was submitted by the applicant on 19th November 2020 which states that the main purpose of the farm is to re-home rescue ponies and that there is no intention to run a commercial farm. The letter confirms that 7 rescue ponies have been re-homed so far and that the applicants are awaiting the outcome of the planning application before purchasing any more animals. They state that it is already difficult to keep animals without a locked up farm shed.
- 1.3 The letter also sets out personal matters and states that it is important to have two sheds on the site, one for tools and animals and one for human activity to include toilet facilities.
- 1.4 The applicant confirms that tools and fodder are stored away from the farm. Gates and farm tools have previously been stolen and there are no sheds to keep and protect horse equipment.

2.0 Consideration

- 2.1 The proposal is for farm sheds which are assessed under Policy CTY 12. The keeping of rescue ponies is not considered to meet the criteria for an active and established farm as outlined in paragraph 5.44 of PPS21 and this use does not reflect the description of development as submitted on the application form. Policy CTY 12 does not include provision for the erection of farm buildings to meet aspirational or future needs. The proposal fails to meet the test for an active and established agricultural holding as the farm business has not been established for the required period of 6 years.

3.0 Recommendation

- 3.1 That the Committee note the contents of this Addendum and agree with the recommendation to refuse under Policy CTY 1 & CTY 12 of PPS 21 as set out in paragraph 9.1 of the Planning Committee Report.