Addendum LA01/2022/0729/F

1.0 Update

1.1 Supporting information submitted during processing of the application stated that the applicant rents sheds from land at Castlecat Road, details of which are outlined in paragraphs 8.16-8.19 of the Planning Committee report. An email from the agent, dated 19th January 2024, advises the applicant is no longer using these sheds. It states the applicant is currently storing machinery around his own dwelling at 30 Clontyfinnan Road, Armoy until such time as he finds another place to store them.

2.0 Assessment

2.1 Paragraph 8.19 of the Planning Committee report confirms that no farm equipment was evident at sheds at Castlecat Road, Dervock and discussions with the owner confirmed that the buildings had not been rented out at any time for the purposes outlined in supporting information. A further site inspection at the applicants dwelling, 30 Clontyfinnan Road, on 23rd January 2024 did not identifying any farm related equipment within its curtilage or adjoining lands and no further information has been submitted regarding other sheds which have been rented. As such, it is unclear where the applicant is currently storing equipment and machinery relating to his farming activity. Based on the evidential context, it has not been demonstrated that the proposed shed is necessary for the efficient use of the agricultural holding.

3.0 Recommendation

3.1 That the Committee note the contents of this Addendum and agree with the recommendation to refuse the proposed development in accordance with paragraph 1.1 of the Planning Committee report.