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South Tyneside Planning Department

Dear Sir/Madam

Please find enclosed an application for planning permission for a building to be used for agricultural storage and accommodation for horses.

We are applying for planning permission for this building at West Fellgate Farm as a result of the continuing decline in agricultural incomes and the increasing pressure being placed upon urban fringe farmers due to their locality. This has resulted in increasing problems of security on the farm.

The building will be used for the safe storage of agricultural produce, machinery and also for additional stables to provide livery for horses, adding to the existing livery enterprise. The demand for stabling has increased over recent years, especially since many local authorities have clamped down on the practice of tethering horses on the roadside.

The provision of this building will also help to sustain income for the farm in the present economic climate, which is one of continuing decline in agricultural prices. It will also therefore help to maintain employment at its present level on the farm.

Regards,

Geoff Alderslade.



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