

2 New Cottages
Leinthall Starkes
Ludlow
Shropshire
SY8 2HL

Dear Mrs White

Design and access statement re: - The Old Blacksmith Yard ,Leinthall Starkes,
Ludlow.Shropshire . SY8 2HL
Planning Application No T2006/3263

This planning application follows the rejection of a previous application for a similar new agricultural building all be it considerably reduced in size.

The new application is based on recommendation as to the size made by the case officer at the time. The other none related parts of the application are in response to a report and recommendation by your enforcement officer Miss J Wood.

The application comes about mainly due to the increased intensity of stocking on the holding i.e. cattle ,sheep and pigs all that require housing for the winter fatening,our existing buildings are proving insufficient for the amount of stock, feed and fodder to be housed.

As residents we fully appreciate the area as being one of outstanding natural beauty and accordingly have made every effort in the design and siteing of the new building to minimize the impact of our proposal on the surroundings.

The proposed building affords the screening of mature roadside hedgerow, making it virtually invisible from the adjacent surrounding preserving natural habit and giving it every opportunity to flourish.

The materials chosen for the new building include, natural fiber cement roof, traditional for this type of building. The sides to be clad in dark brown vertical Yorkshire boarding over natural coloured cement panels to 1 mtr high. The Yorkshire board to have air gaps providing ventilation for stock at high level.

The existing yard is well served by a generous existing vehicle assess which requires no modification.

The main pasture land is served by its own long standing gateway on to the highway.

This entrance has been altered simply by the removal of the existing gate and resighting of it approx 12m into the field to allow tractor and farm machinery to stand clear of the highway while the gate is opened and closed. The existing hedgerow has not been altered or the aperture increased in order to maintain its rural aspect.

With increased control of movement of stock we have found it necessary to seek permission to form a handling area in the corner of field where cattle can be handled and ear tags fixed and noted.

The old Blacksmith Yard area is superbly screened from all directions and lends itself to discreet parking of vehicles and equipment used in association with the applicants forestry associated business.

We are able to confirm the mobile home temporary stored on the land has been removed as per your enforcement officer request.

Access to the yard is by gentle gradient off the highway and the mature hardcore area extends on a level plain to both existing and proposed buildings. Once inside the yard and the boarded gates closed it makes a perfectly safe haven for even the youngest of {young farmers}

Yours sincerely