

## Agricultural Building Supporting Statement – FBC

To whom it may concern,

Please find this supporting statement as background to why the building is required and what it will be used for.

Firstly, a bit of my background. I was brought up in Kirkham and after leaving school I went straight into an Agriculture YTS scheme. This was at a mixed dairy, beef and sheep farm in Salwick - about a mile and a half from Stanley Lodge.

Following on from that I stayed in Agriculture and went to both Myerscough and Hutton colleges to obtain further qualifications in farming and agriculture.

I continued to work in farming until my late 20's and worked my way up to a farm manager role, but it became clear that as my parents weren't farmers, that was about all I could hope for.

Consequently, I came out of farming and went into business, and now, 20+ years later, I'm able to get back into farming, albeit in a small way.

I've always retained a very keen interest and stayed very much up to speed with farming and how it's evolved even over the last 10 years.

I will be buying some rare breed beef cows and rare breed sheep and farming those.

I have also started investing in farming equipment and need somewhere to store machinery, feed (a DEFRA requirement), straw, farming supplies and a tractor.

There currently is nowhere to store anything, and security is an issue.

The building was always a farm building, but it has been moved a short distance and reclad in composite panels. The original steel frame was painted and tidied up, and the original panels (and some wood joists) were replaced. There is a picture below of the inside of original building, and an aerial image of its original location.

The property is insured with the NFU as a farm; with livestock, a farm building and machinery.



