SUPPORTING INFORMATION

FOR THE APPLICATION TO DETERMINE IF PRIOR APPROVAL IS REQUIRED FOR A PROPOSED:

PROPOSED REINFORCED CONCRETE YARD AREA AT HILL FARM, BURRINGTON, **BRISTOL BS40 7AX**

FOR MR C HAYES

1. Is the proposed development reasonably necessary for the purpose of agriculture?

The Applicant currently farms in the region of 38 hectares which is laid to permanent grass, and in the region of 30 to 40 cattle. The proposed concrete yard is required for storage purposes, and access in and around the farmyard. Since the yard gets very wet and muddy during the winter months, it is proposed to concrete the yard area, outlined red in order to improve the water quality run off as per the Environment Agency's Catchment Sensitive Farming requirements. Currently, the yard is a compact stone surface that gets very muddy and dirty during wet weather. By concreting these areas, this will alleviate the issue and reduce the amount of dirty water run-off. This will also ensure the Applicant continues to farm in accordance with the DEFRA Code of Practice for Soil, Water and Air, and meet the Rural Payments Agency's Cross Compliance requirements.

2. Is the proposed development designed for the purpose of agriculture?

The reasons for the application have been outlined above. The proposed area will be covered in 150mm deep reinforced concrete as shown on the attached location plan (3825- DR- S-050-001).

Signed..

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