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Development Management  
Mendip District Council  
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Dear Sir/Madam

**Full Planning Application for: Erection of Yard Cover Building at Pennard Farm, West Pennard, Glastonbury, Somerset BA6 8NN.**

Please find enclosed, the supporting documents for the above full planning application for a new steel portal agricultural building to cover the existing cow feed yard at Pennard Farm, West Pennard, Somerset BA6 8NN.

The proposal is to erect a new steel portal agricultural building over the existing cow yard and feed area as the building will reduce slurry production and improve clean and dirty water separation. The intention is for the development to be funded via Countryside Stewardship and an application will be submitted for this in due course.

The building is proposed to be partly open sided on all four elevations with spaced boarding at high level on the west and south elevations, and low-level concrete panels up to 2m on the enclosed sections of the elevations. The roof is specified as Natural Grey coloured corrugated fibre cement sheeting incorporating 10% GRP roof lights.

The siting of the proposed cover building will be over the existing cow yard which is used for feeding and general loafing of the cows.

The applicant's current dairy enterprise currently consists of 260 cows and 120 young stock (at Pennard Farm). The holding extends to 530 acres of land which includes grassland, 250 acres of which is rented locally. Pennard Farm is farmed by Pennard Farms Ltd under CPH no. 36/340/0012 and this holding accounts for 280 acres of the total. The applicants are planning to sustain their business and livestock numbers over the coming years. The government has announced incentives to reduce pollution from agriculture and Countryside Stewardship provides grants to provide cover buildings which will reduce the amount of slurry produced as well as improving the separation of clean and dirty water.

Pennard Farm falls within a priority water target area for surface water nitrates (Coxbridge Brook NVZ), phosphates (Brue and Axe Surface Water Operational Catchment Area) and sediments. A Countryside Stewardship application will be submitted which it is hoped will fund the proposed development.

The application, which would otherwise qualify as permitted development, has been submitted as a full



application as it is located within 400m of a 'protected dwelling'.

We believe this is an important rural business and this proposal seeks to create sustainable working systems in the countryside. The proposal is in line with the government's current objectives for rural businesses and one that warrants the Council's support.

Please do contact us should you require an additional information.

Yours sincerely,



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