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To whom it may concern,

Since the passing of my father, I have taken over the company and the business within the farm. I spend 6-7 days working at the farm and surrounding areas to maintain the business for me and my family.

This has resulted with a lot of stress for me, my partner and two children.

Before my father's passing I was very involved with my children and partner, and I am now struggling to balance any or little time with them. I spend most evenings doing admin and work on the farm, and very often end up working there on Saturday and Sunday as well.

I am always on call with queries and problems from our tenants and I am constantly back and forth from my family home in Melton Mowbray. It is putting a lot of stress on my family and also costing me a lot of money in fuel going back and forth.

All of our extended family is in Langham or even further from Melton, so any help with childcare is difficult. Due to me working so much and my partner also having a job, my mother has to collect the children from our home to nursery and back to the farm, just to help out. This is adding additional stress on her as an older woman driving to and from Melton most days with our children. We would really just like to have a family hub, within the farmhouse garden to help us move forward.

My dream is to make the family farm a healthy business and provide storage and business opportunities to local people. This has always been a family dream, and has been put in my hands to try and accomplish. I feel that it would make my father proud to really grow and utilise the farm to its full potential, and I think being able to live on site would make this a much more realistic and achievable goal.

I would like to propose a non-temporary structure built of ground screws in the main farmhouse garden for me and my family with the desire to gain full planning to build a house for my family in the future with an agricultural tie.

The cabin will be funded by the sale of my property in Melton Mowbray. Completely self-funded.

I would just like to create a positive environment for me and my family where the time needed to operate our family business does not affect our family life so much.

Our current security Dave has fallen ill and is too old to perform what is necessary to keep an eye on things. The temporary structure would allow me to be on site full time which would mean I could manage the security on the farm much easier, with less time taken away from my family.

We have plans to raise the structure off the ground using ground screws which can easily be removed and allows for no excavation or ground to be touched to build.

Director C J Houghton

