

**Questionnaire 1 - Supplementary Questions to be answered in connection with an application for Planning Permission to erect an Agricultural/Horticultural/Forestry or other occupational Dwelling, or for Temporary Accommodation to serve a farm**

1. Paragraph 10 of Planning Policy Statement 7 (2004) makes clear that isolated new houses in the countryside require special justification for planning permission to be granted. One of the few circumstances in which isolated residential development may be justified is when accommodation is required to enable agricultural, forestry and certain other full-time workers to live at, or in the immediate vicinity of, their place of work. It will often be as convenient and more sustainable for such workers to live in nearby towns or villages, or suitable existing dwellings, so avoiding new and potentially intrusive development in the countryside. However, there will be some cases where the nature and demands of the work concerned make it essential for one or more people engaged in the enterprise to live at, or very close to, the site of their work. Whether this is essential in any particular case will depend on the needs of the enterprise concerned and not on the personal preferences or circumstances of any of the individuals involved.
2. It is essential that all applications for planning permission for new occupational dwellings in the countryside are scrutinised thoroughly with the aim of detecting attempts to abuse (e.g. through speculative proposals) the concession that the planning system makes for such dwellings. In particular, it will be important to establish whether the stated intentions to engage in farming, forestry or any other rural-based enterprise, are genuine, are reasonably likely to materialise and are capable of being sustained for a reasonable period of time. It will also be important to establish that the needs of the intended enterprise require one or more of the people engaged in it to live nearby.

IF THERE IS INSUFFICIENT SPACE FOR YOUR ANSWERS, PLEASE ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS.

1. Please state which of the following types of accommodation is required.

a) new farmhouse

b) farm worker's dwelling

c) caravan

d) chalet

e) mobile home

f) conversion

Please state existing and previous use of the building.....

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g) other

Please describe.....

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2. If the proposed dwelling is a replacement of an existing one, please state fully the defects of the existing dwelling, and what use it will be put to if consent is issued:

N/A

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3. If the proposed siting is not in close proximity to existing farm buildings, please explain why.

N/A

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4. If the application is for a new farmhouse, please state whether the original farmhouse or any cottage associated with the holding has been sold or let. If so, please state reasons for selling or letting, and the date of severance.

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5. If to be occupied by a worker rather than the farm manager, please state category (e.g. herdsman, tractor, driver etc.)

N/A.

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6. State the acreage of the holding involved:

Owned .....hectares

Rented on agricultural tenancy .....hectares

Grass keep and grazing license .....hectares

(see Note at end of Questionnaire)

7. State the area of all other land in which the applicant has an agricultural interest:

Owned .....hectares

Rented on agricultural tenancy .....hectares

Grass keep and grazing license.....hectares

(see Note at end of Questionnaire)

8. Give below the details of all residential accommodation (including caravans etc) owned or rented by the applicant and/or owner of the land.

Address of accommodation	Owned or rented	Category of occupier e.g. cowman, holiday use, tenant not employed on farm, etc

9. State existing cropping and stocking of holdings and any major changes proposed (if your agricultural consultant is to report on these issues in a separate report, this section need not be filled in).

	Existing	Proposed
Cattle -Dairy Cows		
Other dairy cattle		
Beef Cows		
Other beef cattle		
Sheep - Ewes		
Sheep - Others		
Pigs - Sows		
Pigs - Other		

Poultry		
Area of glasshouses		
Area of plastic tunnels		
Crops (please list)		
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10. If changes are to be made in farming practices, please state if any new farm buildings will be needed and their suggested location:

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**PLEASE SEE COVERING LETTER**  
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11. Has any property been detached from the land holding within the last 10 years? ~~Yes~~/No  
 If yes, please give details: .....

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12. Why is it not possible for alternative accommodation to be found in the neighbourhood? Please state full reasons.

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**PLEASE SEE AGRICULTURAL APPRAISAL REPORT SUBMITTED HEREWITH**  
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13. Number of full- time workers, including applicant, engaged on the existing holding. **1**

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I CERTIFY that the information given is a true statement of fact

Signature R. Burnett

Date 22-12-23

**IMPORTANT NOTES:**

1. A technical appraisal prepared by an agricultural consultant should also accompany your planning application.
2. Copies of relevant audited accounts (minimum of three years) specific to the agricultural activity concerned, should be submitted to allow the financial test to be assessed. Such information will be supplied to the Principal Land Agent who will advise whether the financial test has been met. Although your audited accounts will be treated as confidential materials of course the County Land Agent's report will need to refer to this information. His report will be open to public inspection due to it being a relevant document upon which the planning decision will be made
3. A Map of 1:2500 scale must accompany this application showing by distinctive colours:
  - the site of the proposed dwelling
  - the parcels of land owned by the applicant
  - the parcels of land rented by the applicant
  - the location of present dwelling(s) both owned and rented on the total holding
  - the location of the present and proposed farm buildings
4. If planning permission is granted, an agricultural occupancy condition will be attached to any approval notice. Furthermore, if the proposal is for a second or subsequent dwelling on the farm, it is normal practise of this Council to impose a similar occupancy condition on the original farmhouse (if no tie currently exists).

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