

Farm Diversification Statement from the applicant

We have farmed at Resugga for over 40 years. However, there has been a farm at Resugga since the 11th Century . It has always been a dairy farm.

We started allowing guests to stay on the farm in the mid 90's . We then converted a barn in the late 90s for holiday let use . The shabby shack was built using a historic railway carriage and has been used as a small holiday let ever since. The shabby shack has helped supplement the farm's income and help it diversify .

We are a working, family-run dairy farm, and also grow and sell Christmas trees to the local community.

The aim of a further site is to add to the successful but small business and allow a small family, couples or individuals to visit the farm. We hope to provide a relaxing environmentally sustainable holiday which enhances the local area and provides additional employment opportunities.

Given the unusual and small shape of the field, this land currently does not contribute effectively to the wider farm and this proposal would help diversify our farm so that we can make better use of the area, and help supplement our income.