SUPPORTING STATEMENT version 2

to be submitted in conjunction with an

APPLICATION TO VARY PLANNING CONDITION

Woodcombe Farm, Brixton Deverill, Warminster, BA12 7EJ

Proposed variation of Condition 2 of Planning Permission No. 2022/01635/FUL to allow an additional two rearing units to be sited on the land at any one time thereby making a total of twelve rearing units – Land in mixed use for agricultural and game rearing purposes - Land North of Woodcombe Farm, Brixton Deverill, Warminster, BA12 7EJ

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E.G. Allard & Son have been running their game rearing business now for five years and the demand for game birds remains high. The approved application site has capacity for two further rearing units to be sited on the land and therefore we are applying for a total of twelve rearing units on the land.

Each of the rearing units has capacity to take 2,000 birds and therefore this farm will ultimately have capacity to rear a total of 24,000 birds in any one year. The units have been sited on the land now for five years and we believe that they fit well into the landscape. They are in any event moved round on the site annually for biosecurity purposes. The rearing units are moved in a three yearly cycle to prevent spread of disease by giving the land a break. Thus requiring three times the site area of the rearing sheds. The capacity of the approved site area is 24,000 birds spread across the proposed 12 units.

In terms of traffic movements to the site. The typical year of rearing would comprise, establishing the fields (setting up required number of sheds) in April based on orders taken prior to this, with no traffic movements. Chicks will arrive by 3.5t van usually in the early hours if the morning to fill one or two sheds at a time, between May and July, so 6-12 movements to fill the site. The birds are reared from May to September with labour living on site and feed delivered monthly alongside other agricultural deliveries to the farm. The birds are then distributed to customers July to September by the applicant in a 4x4 with trailer, again early hours but would be insignificant within the farm traffic at that time of year.

The additional units will be the same as the existing and are of temporary structural design.

The birds are reared in line with the Code of Practice for the Welfare of Gamebirds Reared for Sporting Purposes. The applicant has studied at college to obtain the relevant qualifications relating to operating a business of this nature.

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