



SUPPORTING STATEMENT

to be submitted in conjunction with an

FULL PLANNING APPLICATION

Woodcombe Farm, Brixton Deverill, Warminster, BA12 7EJ

Full planning application to allow for an additional four rearing sheds within the approved boundary of the existing rearing field at Woodcombe Farmland in mixed use for agricultural and game rearing purposes - Land North of Woodcombe Farm, Brixton Deverill, Warminster, BA12 7EJ

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This application is for full planning permission to allow for four additional rearing sheds within the approved boundary of the existing rearing field at Woodcombe to allow to improve the rotation of rearing sheds. Making a total of 16 sheds located on land in mixed use for agricultural and game rearing purposes

E.G. Allard & Son have been running their game rearing business now for seven years and the demand for game birds remains high. The approved application site currently houses twelve rearing sheds which are rotated annually, the additional sheds will allow the applicant to expand on their rearing enterprise which is used to supplement the current agricultural business at the farm, following the loss of basic payment and other environmental schemes.

It has previously been approved for 12 rearing sheds to be located on the site which each have the capacity for 2,000 birds. The units have now been located on the site for six years and we believe they fit well into the landscape. They are annually rotated on the site for biosecurity purposes, to reduce the risk of disease spreading. There is ample room within the approved boundary of the rearing field to house an additional two sheds whilst maintaining a good rotation.

An additional four sheds would allow the applicant to rear an additional 8,000 birds within a rearing season. The applicant takes delivery of birds, being a mixture of pheasant and partridge, which are then reared on the site and later sold to customers and removed. The pheasant birds are reared on site for no longer than 7 weeks and the partridge remain on site for no longer than 14 weeks in any year.

It is not anticipated that there will be a large increase in traffic movements from this application, in any case the traffic movements that relate to the game rearing enterprise are minor in comparison to those of the main farm.