

**APPENDIX 2: SUMMARY OF APPLICANTS SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

## Planning Statement

A supporting statement was submitted which provides an overview of the proposal and the site. The statement notes the application site is not in agricultural use as a crop producing arable field and the proposal would utilise the area of rough ground. It states that the cattle are currently grazed around the site and are then moved by road to cattle sheds at Strone Farm, Memus. This is said to involve transporting up to 100 cattle around 13 miles. The statement notes there is a need to have a shed sited in the location of where the cattle graze. The submitted details indicate there is limited cattle grazing undertaken around Peel Farm as these fields are in rotation for mixed arable production. It states the cattle farming activities in the buildings at Peel Farm were all moved to Strone Farm to enable a diversification of Peel Farm which has been developed as a successful local tourist facility. The document states that the proposal does not require a slurry tank or permanent midden as straw bedding will be used and periodically (around every 6-8 weeks) removed from the shed. The waste would then be composted and spread in accordance with the rules for storage and disposal of manures. The statement indicates that connection is proposed to the public water supply for feeding and watering arrangements. In terms of security a boundary fence is proposed, and the shed would be monitored by a CCTV system which would be linked to the applicant's mobile phone. It states this method for security of agricultural and livestock sheds is used regularly within the agricultural sector. The statement concludes that the proposal appears to comply with relevant development plan policies and supplementary guidance.

## Response to concerns

This document provides response to concerns raised by stakeholders and third parties as part of the application process. Whilst the applicant acknowledges, the relevant guidance note states that agricultural buildings should preferably form part of an existing group of buildings, in this instance, there is an operational farming need to locate the shed in the chosen location as this is the area where the cattle are predominantly grazed. The response notes the proposal would assist an established agricultural business to improve the management of its livestock. It indicates that in terms of cattle containment, the cows will be far more secure in the proposed cattle shed than surrounding fields. It states that in terms of existing water supply infrastructure near the site, the proposal is situated below the header tank and if for any reason there was a burst water pipe in the shed, gravity would draw any effluent in the opposite direction. The response indicates that the proposed SUDS scheme would also assist in preventing the discharge of sediments to surrounding watercourses during construction and operation of the site. The agent suggests that there would be no additional mud on the roads as the proposed hard standing yard and access track would mitigate the amount of mud dispersed on to the road. It also states the villagers would notice very little increase in traffic as a result of the proposal and due to separation distances, the proposal would not result in any harmful impacts upon residential amenity. The statement advises that the use of appropriate practices allied to good planning and management of the cattle shed would help to minimise the risk of causing any odour nuisance to the surrounding area and best practice construction techniques would be adopted to mitigate against effects during construction and operation. The response states no external lights are planned.