

APPENDIX II

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL LOCAL REVIEW BODY DECISION NOTICE

**APPEAL UNDER SECTION 43A (8) OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING
(SCOTLAND) ACT 1997**

**THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCHEMES OF DELEGATION AND
LOCAL REVIEW PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013**

Local Review Reference: 17/00008/RREF

Planning Application Reference: 16/01506/FUL

Development Proposal: Erection of straw storage building

Location: Field No 0328 Kirkburn, Cardrona

Applicant: Cleek Poultry Ltd

DECISION

The Local Review Body (LRB) upholds the decision of the appointed officer and refuses planning permission for the reasons set out in this decision notice and on the following grounds:

- 1 The application is contrary to Policies PMD2, EP5 and ED7 of the Scottish Borders Local Development Plan 2016 and Supplementary Planning Policies relating to Special Landscape Area 2-Tweed Valley in that the proposed building will be prominent in height, elevation and visibility within the landscape and will have a significant detrimental impact on the character and quality of the designated landscape.
- 2 The application is contrary to Policies PMD2 and ED7 of the Scottish Borders Local Development Plan 2016 in that it has not been adequately demonstrated that there is an overriding justification for the proposed building that would justify an exceptional permission for it in this rural location and, therefore, the development would appear as unwarranted development in the open countryside. The proposed building is not of a design or scale that appears justified by the size of the holding on which it would be situated, which further undermines the case for justification in this location.
- 3 The application is contrary to Policy ED7 of the Scottish Borders Local Development Plan 2016 in that it has not been adequately demonstrated that

any traffic generated by the proposal can access the site without detriment to road safety.

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

The application relates to the erection of a straw storage building at Kirkburn, Cardrona. The application drawings consisted of the following drawings:

| Plan Type | Plan Reference No. |
|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Site Plan | 19685 |
| General Arrangement | 19686 |

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

The Local Review Body considered the review, which had been competently made, under section 43A (8) of the Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 at its meeting on 17th April 2017.

After examining the review documentation at that meeting, which included: a) Notice of Review; b) Officer's Report; c) Papers referred to in Report; d) Consultations and e) List of policies, the LRB concluded that it had sufficient information to determine the review and proceeded to consider the case.

REASONING

The determining issues in this Review were:

- (1) whether the proposal would be in keeping with the Development Plan, and
- (2) whether there were any material considerations which would justify departure from the Development Plan.

The Development Plan comprises: SESplan Strategic Development Plan 2013 and the Scottish Borders Local Development Plan 2016. The LRB considered that the most relevant of the listed policies were:

- Local Development Plan policies: PMD2, EP5, EP8 and ED7.

Other Material Considerations

- Scottish Planning Policy
- SBC Supplementary Planning Guidance on Local Landscape Designations 2012

The Review Body noted that the proposal was to erect a straw storage building to the south of the existing buildings in the yard at the applicant's land holding at Kirkburn. The building, which had a footprint of 8m x 18m, would be placed on the upper yard on elevated ground and would project by a minimum of 2.5m above the ridgeline of the existing buildings in the main yard.

The Review Body noted that the applicant sought to contain his activities within the existing nucleus of buildings at the holding. However, whilst Members accepted that this was a building of a modest scale, they were still concerned that, due to its elevation, the building would be prominent from more distant views across the valley and would extend above the tree cover to the northern boundary of the landholding. Members agreed with the view of the landscape architect that this was harmful on

visual and landscape grounds and therefore unacceptable. They concluded that it would constitute a prominent feature on an elevated site, which would detract from the intrinsic qualities of the Tweed Valley Special Landscape Area.

The Review Body accepted that a small holding may need to store straw. However, the application was not supported by a business plan or any statement that set out the development strategy for the landholding or the activities carried out at the site. In the circumstances, they had no evidence before them as why the new straw building was needed for this small holding. In the absence of a credible or sustainable economic justification for the building on this size of landholding they had no reason to set aside the strong landscape objections to the development or overturn the decision.

The Review Body reiterated their request that the applicant submit a business case/masterplan for the landholding that would set out clearly the objectives for the landholding with any subsequent planning applications lodged with the Council.

Members noted the comments of the Roads Planning officer and agreed that the application was deficient in term of the required traffic information (showing the number, type and frequency of vehicular movements associated with this proposal) to enable a full assessment of the road safety implications of the development to be undertaken.

CONCLUSION

After considering all relevant information, the Local Review Body concluded that the development was contrary to the Development Plan and that there were no other material considerations that would justify departure from the Development Plan. Consequently, the application was refused.

Notice Under Section 21 of the Town & Country Planning (Schemes of Delegation and Local Review procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2008.

1. If the applicant is aggrieved by the decision of the planning authority to refuse permission for or approval required by a condition in respect of the proposed development, or to grant permission or approval subject to conditions, the applicant may question the validity of that decision by making an application to the Court of Session. An application to the Court of Session must be made within 6 weeks of the date of the decision.
2. If permission to develop land is refused or granted subject to conditions and the owner of the land claims that the land has become incapable of reasonably beneficial use in its existing state and cannot be rendered capable of reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted, the owner of the land may serve on the planning authority a purchase notice requiring the purchase of the owner of the land's interest in the land in accordance with Part V of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997.

Signed.....Councillor R Smith
Chairman of the Local Review Body

Date.....24 April 2017