Supporting Statement for:

Planning Permission in Principle

At: Land part of Burges Acres, west of Upper Loan Park, LAUDER TD2 6TR

Client: Dr John Crombie Smith

Location plan enclosed as part of application, indicating proposed plot and other land owned by the client. Additional location plans including views from above, indicating location of plot relative to Lauder and other properties to the west and south of plot.

To the south, directly in front of plot, there is an electrical sub station that has a pitched roof creating a domestic house effect. Two large unused poultry sheds lie directly behind the substation.

Further to the west there is an established farmhouse, and a more modern bungalow which appears to have been built within the garden grounds of the farmhouse.

To the east there is one field, separating clients land from the properties of upper Loan, LAUDER.

Building plot would be a half acre of client's land which is presently unused land.

Other area of clients land is used as a business: LOANSIDE QUARTER HORSES. Horse breeding, showing & stabling.
Business was established in 1986 and currently employs two employees.
Financial evidence can be provided if required to further prove business long levity.

The application is for Planning in Principle for one house with detached garage in area of client's land which is unused presently.

Reasons for application:

There have been various recent and in the past recorded thefts of property and livestock from the business. Client would much prefer understandably for security reasons to have a house on the business property.

With the type of specialised livestock used with this business, it would be much more sensible to live close to the horses for security and health reasons.

It is intended in the near future to expand the business greatly, and possibly employing more staff, hence it would now make good sense to be living close to where all activities would take place.

Client presently has to travel to site for security, when called out or to attend any veterinary appointments.

Client is prepared to work closely with the appointed Planning Officer, in preparation of a suitable style, design and location of any proposed house.

Basically before client pursues any further increase, financially and more livestock, he wishes to be able to live on site of business, for security and health of livestock.

It makes good sense to apply for Planning in Principle for a house, which would be located in an area that is currently unused, and with existing houses to the west and the appearance of a domestic looking electrical substation directly opposite, it would if designed sympathetically, not look out of place in this location.