

Comments for Planning Application 22/00576/FUL

Application Summary

Application Number: 22/00576/FUL

Address: Ravelaw Farm Duns Scottish Borders

Proposal: Erection of agricultural building (retrospective)

Case Officer: Cameron Kirk

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Fiona Grafton

Address: 2 Ravelaw Farm Cottages, Duns, Scottish Borders TD11 3NQ

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer made comments neither objecting to or supporting the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: When I moved here I accepted the situation with the animal noise and smell that comes with living next to a farm and I trust the farm operators are employing all procedures to contain the resultant odours as required by legislation. So as I say, this is probably something I have to accept and live with. However I do believe the retrospective nature of this application has provided a fair accompaniment. So I suppose "we are where we are" and I wish to amend my earlier comment from objection to neutral status.

I appreciate the hard work involved and the challenges faced by the pig rearing industry in the last few years.

I would just add that I am hoping that the increase and proximity of livestock occupancy does not bring with it an increase in intensity of foul odours or increase in the number or duration of those spells that currently exist.

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Customer Details

Name: John Dow

Address: 3 Ravelaw Farm Cottage

Date: 6th June, 2022

Changing Status to Neutral

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Customer Details

Name: Andrew Brown

Address: Leet View, Ravelaw, TD11 3NQ

Date: 06/06/2022

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Resident Details

Name: David and Alison McIntosh

Address: Ravelaw View, Ravelaw, Duns, TD11 3NQ

Date: 06/06/2022

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Regards

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Case Officer: Cameron Kirk

Customer Details

Name: Jacqueline Cubitt

Address: Burnside Lodge, Ravelaw, Duns, TD11 3NQ

Date: 07/06/2022

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Name: N.G & S.E Clark

Address: Cyprien, Ravelaw TD11 3NQ

Date: 7 June 2022

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Customer Details

Name: Mr Peter Yeatman

Address: 1 loweswater grove, West Auckland, Bishop Auckland D114 9na

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments neither objecting to or supporting the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Privacy of neighbouring properties affec

Comment: Please remove my objections and comments. As I have no more interest in the building at ravelaw farm

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Name: Ross Drummond

Address: 1 Ravelaw Farm Cottage, Duns, TD11 3NQ

Date: 7th June, 2022

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