Oldner Farmhouse, Chipping Norton, OX7 5XH

We are really grateful that the planning officer in her report recommends the plans for approval. We are hoping to turn a very delapidated farm house into a lovely family home, replacing many original features, such as the drive to enable use of the front door which overlooks open countryside.

Our neighbors are supportive of what we are doing, but we understand that there has been one objection limited to the proposed position of the driveway;

The drive is a reinstatement of the original farmhouse drive, using existing access onto the highway - but with the drive running out onto a new piece of land that we have purchased from the farmer. This proposed route is to protect tees that have matured since the days of the original drive. They are now 80/90 ft tall and there is a concern that the roots will be effected if a drive is installed near to them.

Change of use of the farmland is modest and is only requested for a portion of our garden to bring it in line with the neighboring two gardens. We have specifically excluded from our application the parcels of land behind our neighbors gardens.

The proposed change of use will not effect privacy for the neighbor, it is a long way from their house and will not be visible.

Amy Hayman.

My three minutes:-

Good afternoon, my name is Stephen Lawson,

I wish to start an agricultural business based primarily around the breeding of wild boar, supported by the breeding of sheep and the growth of arable crops. The farmland i have bought is small at 23 acres, therefore to create a sustainable business for both myself and a future family it must be specialist, niche and profitable. Wild boar are farmed in just 50 locations across the country, and due to their high value are perfect business solution.

Wild boar are subject to licensing under the dangerous wild animals act, ensuing a list of conditions which have to be met. Such conditions state that the boar are regularly checked to ensure that the fencing has not been compromised by either the boar or by human interference amongst others.

I took the opportunity to take pre-planning advice. My initial enquiry was to convert the existing permission to build a single story stone barn in to an agricultural dwelling. Katie Buckingham explained this application would be refused due to the business not being established and advised that I apply for a temporary accommodation whilst the business is developed.

Within the sub-committee report reference is made to my design and access statement, no mention is made to the supporting documentation supplied, of a three year financial projection and accompanying business plan, both filed with the council at the time of application. My three year financial projection has been validated by my agricultural business bank manager, in the form of his agreement and interest in the business an also in the banks backing in the granting a 10 thousand pound overdraft. This is in addition to the banks initial support of granting a business loan to buy the land in the first instance.

wish for is the opportunity to build a business upon land which I have sold my entire life for in order to purchase. I wish for the opportunity to build a responsible, profitable and sustainable business within the Church Enstone and become part of the thriving local community.

My business sits in line with multiple government directives, these being the concern about the future of farming with a lack of new entrants and youth into the industry, the creation of new businesses to pull the country from recession and promote economic growth, and the directive to build desirable homes again to boost the economy and house the countries growing population.

Have met with 13 of my immediate neighbours on site and talked through my business plan. To date there have been no objections from either the parish council, the highways commissions, or any resident of Church Enstone. This suggests my genuine commitment to maintenance and improvement of the land is valued and welcomed.

The temporary accommodation is an opportunity for me to try and develop a sustainable business, i hope you will grant me this opportunity. I currently live in Leamington spa with my parents due to relationship break down and am unable to start this business being over an hour's drive away. I believe that nothing can be more sustainable than the place of work also being the place in which you live.

Thank you

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