

COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL DELEGATED PLANNING DECISION

1.	Reference No:	4/21/2063/ON1
2.	Proposed Development:	PRIOR APPROVAL APPLICATION TO CONCRETE EXISTING SHEEP PENS
3.	Location:	NOOK FARM, CLEATOR
4.	Parish:	Cleator Moor
5.	Constraints:	ASC;Adverts - ASC;Adverts, Coal - Standing Advice - Data Subject To Change
6.	Publicity Representations & Policy	None required.
7.	Report: Site and Location: This application site relates to land at Nook Farm. The site is accessed along a private track off Briscoe Road, to the south of Cleator. Proposal: This application comprises an application to determine if prior approval is required for the proposed excavations or deposits of waste material for agricultural use under the provisions of Schedule 2, Part 6, Class A of The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended). The proposed comprises the surfacing of an existing sheep pen. The total area of the proposed surface will be 220 square metres and it will be constructed out of concrete. Relevant Legislation The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as	

amended) (GPDO 2015).

Assessment:

The agricultural units extends to 126.6 ha; therefore, the provisions of Schedule 2, Part 6, Class A of the GPDO 2015 are applicable.

The provision of Schedule 2, Part 6, Class A of the GPDO 2015 are considered in turn below:

In respect of the provisions of A. –

The proposed comprises the concreting of the existing sheep pens.

The works comprise an engineering operation.

It is stated that the works are required to improve animal welfare and efficiency of sheep husbandry. The existing handling pens have been designed to allow sorting and treatment of sheep and the proposed concrete will allow the pens to be cleaned after use, reducing the potential for water pollution and disease spread.

In respect of the provisions of A.1 -

- (a) The development is not to be carried out on the separate parcel of land which is less than 1 hectare in area;
- (b) The development does not relate to the erection or extension of an agricultural building;
- (c) The development does not consist of, or include, the erection, extension or alteration of a dwelling;
- (d) The works relate to the surfacing of existing sheep handling pens and therefore the works are designed for agricultural purposes;
- (e) The development does not comprises that referenced in (i) or (ii);
- (f) The height of the development is 0.2m;
- (g) The height of the development is 0.2m;
- (h) The development is not within 25 metres of the metalled part of a trunk road or classified road.
- (i) The development does not relate to the accommodation of livestock or the storage of slurry or sewage sludge.
- (j) The development does not involve excavations or engineering operations on or over article 2(4) land which are connected with fish farming.
- (k) The development does not relate to a building for storing fuel for or waste from a biomass boiler or an anaerobic digestion system.

In respect of the relevant provisions of A.2 -

- (1) (a) Not applicable.

	(b) Not proposed. (c) Not proposed. (2) An application to determine if prior approval is required (current application) has been submitted and the development has not commenced. (3) Not applicable. (4) Not applicable. (5) Not applicable. (6) Not applicable. (7) Not required until the development is substantially completed. The proposed surfacing will be appropriately located within the existing sheep pens and it will be constructed out of a suitable material. The siting of the development is acceptable. The proposed concrete surface is an appropriate form of agricultural development to allow the pens to be cleaned and therefore it will reduce water pollution and disease spread. Conclusion The requirements of the provisions of Schedule 2, Part 6, Class A of the GPDO 2015 are achieved. The siting of the development is acceptable. The proposed concrete surface is an appropriate form of agricultural development. Prior approval is not required.	
8.	Recommendation: Approve Notice of Intention	
Case Officer: Chloe Unsworth		Date : 09/03/2021
Authorising Officer: N.J. Hayhurst		Date : 09/03/2021
Dedicated responses to:- N/A		