

17th December 2021

To whom it may concern,

Re: Application for a mobile residential dwelling at Land at Barn Farm, Egginton, Derby, DE65 6GW, on behalf of Mr J Freeman.

As acting veterinary surgeon for the above client, I would like to offer my support for the above application for a mobile residential dwelling.

The farm will rear groups of calves from 7 days old to store cattle or finishing age. High standards of animal welfare can only be achieved by constant and consistent monitoring of these animals, especially of young calves susceptible to illness. Young calves need regular monitoring to ensure their health does not deteriorate and to ensure treatment plans are working should they become sick. This is due to their lack of immunity to many diseases. In addition, they are fed multiple times a day and sick calves might be fed extra to the regular routine.

My client also has nearly 40 store lambs on site and 60 ewes which will be brought back from rented land to be lambed in Spring. This involves round the clock attention.

I believe without means to check the calves and other stock as regularly as possible (which can be down to every two hours when regarding the youngest animals) animal welfare will be difficult to maintain to the highest standard. Dwellings on site will help the family to build this business centred on high animal welfare. It will allow regular stock checks through the day and night which is not possible when living away from the site.

I hope you will consider this application seriously,

Yours faithfully,

Gillian Whitehurst BVSC MRCVS