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**Subject:** RE: PL/2024/03227 and PL/2024/03228 The Homestead PC questions

Hi Becky,

As you have set out in your report, the land is currently in agricultural use, but this is a smallholding, not a commercial farm entity. The small scale of the building proposed reflects that.

In terms of the need for the building, as set out in our Planning Statement, this is necessary for the ongoing and future maintenance of the holding. Our client currently have no agricultural buildings in order to store all the machinery needed to maintain their land, including but not limited to a small tractor with trailer, a grass topper, strimmer, hedge cutter, tree lopper, log chopper, petrol cans, chain saw, grass seed dispenser, tree posts, tree guards, fence posts, reels of fencing, five bar gates we have and we may need to install at a later date. These all require dry, secure storage.

They plan to have sheep and chickens on the land in future, but this again requires storage space for feed, troughs, fencing. This proposal doesn't just reflect how the land is used at the moment, but their ambitions of how they wish to farm it in future, where a secure, dry building is absolutely necessary.

The small building will simply support the needs of a smallholding in the countryside.

I'll speak at the committee, as will the applicant.

Best

Dan