6.142.135.A.FUL WILLOW GARTH FARM, BICKERTON AGRICULTURAL APPRAISAL

Based on information submitted as part of the planning application, with an earlier Prior Notification of Intention to erect an agricultural building in April 2005, and from a site visit on 4 April 2007

1. LAND COMPRISING THE HOLDING

11ha of which at least 1ha is woodland.

Note: Some 18ha of grazing is purchased annually.

2. SUMMARY OF LIVESTOCK & ESTIMATED ANNUAL PROFIT

		Report Apr '05	Site Visit 4/4/07	Agricultural Appraisal		
				2007	2008	2009
Pigs	Sows-GOS	6	7	} 12	} 14	16
	Maiden Gilts Boars – GOS Piglets	2 30	5 3 30	2 240pa	2 280pa	2 320pa
Cattle	Shorthorn cows 6-12 M.O. stores	3	3	3	-	5 36
	Calves	30	10	} ''	_	- 30
Sheep	Ewes	20	48	46	50	75
	Lambs Tups	20	2	73	80	120
Poultry	Layers Doz eggs / week est			300 175	400 176	
ESTIMATED ANNUAL PROFIT				£7,300	£13,200	£18,000

3. LABOUR ON HOLDING

Applicant (full time) and his wife (part-time).

4. INTENDED CHANGES

Pigs – retain 4 gilts per annum increasing breeding herd to 16 sows in 2009

Cattle – increase to 5 cows, multiple suckle 12 calves/cow/year and retain on the holding rearing to 18 months old and selling 36 cattle/year

Sheep – increase flock to 75 ewes to rear and sell 120 lambs/year

Poultry – introduce laying flock of 300 – 400 hens selling free-range eggs

5. SCHEDULE OF BUILDINGS

General purpose building 20m x 20m (PNR 2005).

Mono pitch building 28' x 45', part stables, part open on the south side, open fronted on the north side.

Timber garden shed raised on posts – for storage of honey equipment.

Portable cabin 8' x 15' used for cooking.

Mono pitch pole barn used for temporary cattle housing.

Open fronted 3 bay field shelter used as boar pen/sow servicing.

Timber cabin on poles used as water tower.

Two wagon bodies – used for storage.