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Reference: Planning application for the change of use for a field at Greencarts Farm

I write in reference to the planning application I have submitted for the change of use of the field to the north of Greencarts Farm. I am applying to use this field as a camping field for both tents and touring caravans.

The tenancy is currently undergoing a transfer from my father to myself, I have full permission from him to go ahead with this application as it will be under my name soon.

This field was needed due to the large groups of scouts and school children who were staying here, the main reason being the Duke of Edinburgh Awards and World Challenge, which is a training weekend for charity expeditions. We also host an annual start line for a Macmillan Cancer Walk free of charge in this field where some participants camp over night to be here for first thing to start their Hadrian's Wall trek. Other users are walkers from Hadrian's Wall, on busy periods through the summer we simply need the extra room for the tourists.

The field has been used for a few years now and there have been no complaints from neighbours. The land agent took off 0.5ha from the subsidies claimed to reflect the non agricultural use in 2011.

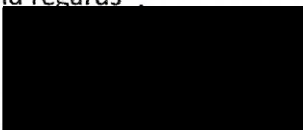
We currently have installed eight electric hook-up points and also a water and fire point in this field. Parking associated with this field will be within the application boundary.

We would propose the use of this from March to October as we do not require it in the winter months when tourism is low and I use this field for housing sheep in the winter months.

We are proposing to plant a mixed species hedgerow along the east border of the field; this would help prevent the campsite being as visually prominent from the main road. We are also proposing to plant a number of fruit trees along the west border of the field as this will act as a wind breaker for the campers, create some shaded areas whilst also creating food and habitat for wildlife.

I look forward to hearing from your regarding this application.

Kind regards



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