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**Re: 75214/APP/2019/3611 - SMALL HOLDING 1 OPP NORTHWOOD HILLS UNITED REFORM CHURCH  
JOEL STREET**

1 message

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To: Matt Kolaszewski <mkolaszewski@hillington.gov.uk>

12 March 2020 at 23:33

Dear Mr Kolaszewski,

Many thanks for your email. Please see below a brief summary regarding the small holding.

The current land has electric, water & sewers connections. Buildings have stood for the last 70+years, this includes:

- 8 stables
- piggery pens
- storage units for machinery
- toilet facility
- small office

The buildings were originally made from blockwork with asbestos roofing. These buildings had become unsafe for the animals there and as well as the people using the facilities, with other buildings on the site left derelict and not to mention extremely unsightly. Having leased the land for over 25 years (for storage and equestrian use) last year we felt it necessary to pull down all the existing buildings and start to replace them on the existing footprint. Given the nature of the landscape, the demolition had to take place all at the same time with the replacement of buildings being at a more gradual pace. Our intentions were always to have equestrian facilities with small stables (4 stables) and to re-fence the internal fields just as they were before, eventually replacing some of the storage buildings too(planning permitted). Our intention would be for the buildings to be replaced with timber framed barn style buildings, far more fitting for the small holdings, the allotments and the surrounding areas, as well as being far more aesthetically pleasing for the neighbouring residents.

The works carried out have all been at our own cost with all necessary business rates covered as well as covering the cost to transport and keep the horses in a different location whilst the works were carried out.

Please can I also take this opportunity to mention the Committees/Trustees full support for this project as they were asked and fully briefed prior to undertaking any works. It was vital that everyone was in full agreement before any work was carried out. Having received the approval necessary from the Committee Members and Board of Trustees last summer, it was only then that works were started (September 2019). At this point it hadn't been mentioned to us we would first need planning to replace existing buildings.

Now that planning has been submitted however, it's disappointing that a decision has been delayed 3 times which has significantly delayed the ongoing improvement works of the small holdings.

I look forward to finding a speedy resolution to this as quickly as possible so we can restart work on bringing the small holding back to its full potential.

Many thanks

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