
AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Declaration to be signed by applicant when submitting a 28 day Prior Notification (Agricultural Development) application under Article 3, Schedule 2, Part 6 of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (as amended).

The proposal the subject of the current prior notification application is reasonably necessary for agriculture within the applicant's agricultural unit.

Signed:(Applicant's name)

Date:

Notes and Definitions.

The definition of agriculture is provided by section 336 (1) of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 and is set out below:

'Agriculture includes horticulture, fruit growing, seed growing, dairy farming, the breeding and keeping of livestock (including any creature kept for the production of food, wool, skins or fur, or for the purpose of its use in the farming of land), the use of land as grazing land, meadow land, osier land, market gardens and nursery grounds, and the use of land for woodlands where that use is ancillary to the farming of land for other agricultural purposes, and 'agricultural' shall be construed accordingly.'

In addition, the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development Order) 1995 (as amended) defines agricultural land as meaning 'land which, before development permitted by this Part [6] is carried out, is land in use for agriculture and which is so used for the purposes of a trade or business, and excludes any dwelling house or garden.'

It should be noted that the following uses **do not** fall within the definition of agriculture for a planning purposes, and a separate application for planning permission is required for such development:

Equestrian or horse related development (except where the use only involves the grazing of horses);
Parking or maintenance of agricultural contractor's plant and machinery;
Hobby farming;
Buildings used to store equipment that will be used to maintain non-agricultural land e.g. mowers to cut grassed fields not used to keep livestock or to grow crops.

Other uses may fall outside the definition of agriculture; if in doubt please contact a planning officer to discuss this.