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Subject: Comments for Planning Application 11/02007/MFUL

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 9:41 AM on 01 Feb 2012 from Mrs Ruth West.

Application Summary

Address: Land at NGR 307117 120011 (Greenham Reach)
Holcombe Rogus Devon

Proposal: Use of land for siting of a temporary agricultural worker's dwelling for a period of 5 years together with an agricultural barn with PV array, poultry hatchery/brooder, W.E.T. waste water treatment system, bore hole, and alterations to existing highway access and private ways as part of a scheme for new entrants to ecological agriculture

Case Officer: Mrs Alison Fish

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Customer Details

Name: Mrs Ruth West

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Address: Campaign for Real Farming, 20 Dove House Close,
Oxford OX2 8BG

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: We are writing in support of the Ecological Land Co-operative's planning application for three residential smallholdings at Greenham Reach, as part of their pilot scheme to attract new entrants into ecological agriculture. Colin Tudge has been writing and broadcasting on agriculture from all around the world over the past 40 years, starting with Farmers Weekly in the early 1970s, then New Scientist, then the BBC, plus at least half a dozen books on food and farming. Together we recently founded the Campaign for Real Farming and the Oxford Real Farming Conference - and we have no doubt that the kind of initiative now pursued by the ELC is precisely what

the world needs. All the most objective research, and all the most dispassionate observers, agree that small, mixed, labour-intensive farms in the long term are the most productive, and are the most sustainable because they use resources sparingly, and are versatile and flexible. But Britain has favoured the pursuit of monocultural production and farms on the largest possible scale, with minimal labour to reduce (short-term) costs. So Britain is now desperately short of farmers – we need great many more, as a matter of urgency: and this at a time when manufacturing is also languishing and unemployment is increasing. In short, the ELC's plans tick all the most important boxes. ELC is introducing the kind of farming that all the world needs – and Britain is particularly in need of. They are providing jobs. More broadly, they are helping to revive the agrarian economy that has gone missing. Finally, the kind of ecologically friendly and temporary dwellings that they are planning to site will serve as a model for a sensitive integration of agricultural workers in rural areas. We very much hope that you do give them permission to keep up the good work. With kind regards Colin Tudge and Ruth West The Campaign for Real Farming 20 Dove House Close, Oxford, OX2 8BG