



Supporting Statement 2

Dragon House Farm, 370A Cronton Road, Widnes WA8 5QD

Positive Impact

Mr and Mrs Jones have removed 2 steel containers previously used for storage and replaced them with the barn. The barn is visually more in keeping with the farm and its surroundings.

They have improved the area, secured fencing around the property, planted a large amount of mature fruit trees, and extended the orchard and planted flowering plants in anticipation for future projects.

Current Use

The barn is currently being used to store equipment for the maintenance of the surrounding fields such as a small tractor and trailer, a spreader, and other related tools and equipment for the maintenance of the land.

It is also used for the storage of animal feed, bales of straw and bales of sawdust for bedding for the rescue poultry.

The barn is used to house the poultry in line with DEFRA rules on keeping poultry under cover. When DEFRA rules apply.

The barn is also used to store fire wood, which Mr and Mrs Jones use to heat Dragon House Farm.

Animals

There are currently 19 hens at Dragon House Farm, but it can fluctuate if some need fostering Mr and Mrs Jones will house them until homes are found, then take in some more.

The poultry have supplied Mr and Mrs Jones their family, friends and neighbours with organic eggs for the past 2 years. The poultry can supply between 70-140 eggs per week.

The Future

Mr and Mrs Jones's plans for the future with the current climate is to grow more vegetables, and become more self-sufficient. Growing different varieties of vegetables which will need - potting space, seeds, fertilisers and equipment to be kept in the barn.

They have plans this year to plant wild flower seeds and are exploring Bee keeping, which will need - feed, equipment, produce to be kept in the barn.

Plans for different animals at the farm are being discussed based on the amount of grazing available. No plans have been made as of yet.