6. **LRB 479** – Notice of Review Against Full Planning Permission for Erection of Dwellinghouse, Garage/Store and Summerhouse, Formation of Decking, Pond and Access at Land to West of Parkhouse, Dykehead, Glassel, Banchory – Reference: APP/2019/2354.

<u>Local Review Body</u>: Councillors P Johnston (Chair), R Cassie, J Hutchison and A McKelvie.

(i) IACS Form.

NOTICE OF REVIEW UNDER THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCHEMES OF DELEGATION AND LOCAL REVIEW PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013

**REFERENCE: LRB 479** 

FULL PLANNING PERMISSION FOR ERECTION OF DWELLINGHOUSE, GARAGE/STORE AND SUMMERHOUSE, FORMATION OF DECKING, POND AND ACCESS AT LAND TO WEST OF PARKHOUSE, DYKEHEAD, GLASSEL, BANCORY REFERENCE: APP/2019/2354.

To whom it may concern,

I would like to address the queries raised by the LRB on the 29th May.

I attach my IACS form for 2020, as requested, which shows my stock on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020. However this is not an accurate reflection of the level of activity throughout the year, the second batch of lambing/calving has not commenced, and each year I purchase store cattle from April onwards, this is also not reflected. This years lambs that will be kept to be sold as gimmers/shearlings will not be shown until next years IACS form however they are on the farm at the moment.

The additional 25 cattle, on the labour report, is store cattle that I buy in, normally in April/May, but this year we sprayed the field they would be using for docks and thistles, (invoice attached) and this coupled with the lack of rain, the grass has been slow to come, so we have had to delay purchasing our stores. I buy stores every year and have done so since I started, I attach details of the stores purchased annually, if you would like to see invoices, they can easily be supplied.

On top of this I am struggling to balance everything this year with the exceptional times we find ourselves in, with COVID 19. John is working full time, and spends most of the day on conference calls. I am trying to balance the farm with schoolwork for the children, and with two of my children with severe hay fever it is not an option to take them with me to the farm. We also have the added worry of John's illness at a time when people with underlying illness's have to be extra careful, which makes it difficult for me to actually buy the stock. A combination of the above has resulted in me delaying buying in stores when every year previously I would have them on grass at this stage.

We purchased our new tups and gimmers in 2019 when we made the decision to concentrate on producing breeding stock. The additional lambs are the progeny of the stock we carry but due to the fact that we are keeping them a lot later than we would if putting them to the abbatoir, which will allow us to pick out the best breeding stock, the commercial ewes are mainly cheviot mules which produce great easy lambing, milky, ideal breeding ewes, so this years ewe lambs will be kept to be sold as gimmers in 2021. The best of the ewe lambs from the pure texels, will be kept and sold as gimmers and the tups with potential will be kept and sold as shearlings, the more we can sell as breeding stock means higher revenue than selling as commercial lamb. Once we have picked out the lambs with breeding potential the balance at this stage will be put on to concentrate and sold to the local abbatoir, Scotbeef, in Inverurie. Based on going through the current lambs I feel we will be taking round 100 through to next year to be sold as breeding stock. Prior to this our Jan/Feb lambs were away end of May and all our Mar/Apr lambs would be gone by end of July, these lambs would all have had access to ad lib feed from shortly after birth in order to finish them earlier and allow us to take in more store cattle, but with the concentration on picking the best breeding animals to keep we had

to incorporate in the report the additional length of time we will be keeping these animals. On top of this we also have to keep a certain amount of ewe lambs every year for replacement ewes for our own flock and to increase our numbers year on year, the above is where the 224 additional sheep were derived.

I cannot run the farm remotely, this is a family business and as such has to work with my children, their safety is top priority so it is not viable for me to leave them at home while I am at the farm, and with farming not 9-5, I regularly have to drop everything and go to the farm at any hour. With the physical nature and safety risks of dealing with animals, particularly when giving birth, that requires John to be with me when I am there at night.

Added to this, I have lost a lot of ewes this year with them ending up on their backs after a mild winter leaving them heavier than normal, and with us not living on site by the time I find them the next morn it is too late, every ewe I lose is a financial loss I could do without.

With us planning on increasing sheep numbers the time required increases in line with this, which leaves me at a crossroads, if I am to take this business forward, I need to live on site. I have made so many sacrifices to try to build the farm to what it is today, I have worked every hour under the sun, when I was not working on my own farm, I was working with a local farmer, to gain experience. We do not have a family farm that we inherited, everything we have we built up by doing most of the actual manual work ourselves. While I may not be a large scale business, the economy is not built just on large business's, the small business is just as important, especially in rural communities, I would think, no more so than at the moment when it looks like the country is facing tough economic times ahead.

I have to juggle things all the time in order to maximise the potential of the area of ground I own. What frustrates me is that a labour unit report that takes a snap shot in time does not accurately reflect the level of activity we operate, and the idea that one shoe fits all is impossible, different farmers sell their offspring at different times throughout the year and no two farms are ran the same.

The planning department supports our application, the local neighbours have spoken out in support, all I am asking for is a chance to operate a farming business yet ensure the safety of my children by having them in close proximity while I am working

The planning department is happy to approve our application, the neighbours who will look at the house have shown their support by the number of letters of representation submitted, all I am asking for is the chance to run a farm while ensuring the safety of my children.

Kind regards Teresa Anderson Applicant

Appendix -

IACS 2020 (SAF Summary) Store numbers previously purchased Invoice to confirm spraying of weeds

Application snapshot on: 14 May 2020 13:13:05 by andersonj

Business John & Teresa Anderson Business Reference Number: Main Location Code: 80/482/0076

Name: 228959



### **Application Summary**

This document was created in Rural Payments and Services and should be used for information purposes only. This document is not confirmation of a submitted SAF and should not be submitted as a paper SAF. Once your SAF has been successfully submitted, you will receive a separate confirmation letter to confirm this.

#### Schemes you have selected:

You have asked to receive 2020 funding for Direct Payments in Sterling.

You have applied for Basic Payment Scheme.

You have provided the following answers on Greening questions.

Is your land registered as organic? No

The information provided by you in this application indicates that you are exempt from Ecological Focus Area and Crop Diversification. One way to meet your greening requirements is by claiming over 75% of your Basic Payment Scheme claimed arable land as either temporary grass, herbaceous, legumes or fallow and therefore are meeting the requirements. You have currently claimed 100.000% and therefore are meeting the requirements. You should ensure that you have understood all requirements as detailed in Greening guidance on Rural Payments and Services. We will perform further validations after submission to verify your application.

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You have indicated to claim Less Favoured Area Support Scheme (LFASS)





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### **Contracts And Continuing Commitments**

You are not claiming against any contracts or continuing commitments.

### **Entitlements summary**

Illustration of Entitlements Held

Region	Number of Entitlements	Unit Value	Total Value in €
Region1	19.67	160.66	3160.18
Region2	5.96	34.35	204.73

#### **Land Detail Summary**

The following table summarises the totals of all the land you have declared in your SAF.

Type of land	LFA	Non LFA	Total
Permanent	28.81	0.00	28.81
Seasonal	0.00	0.00	0.00
Common Grazing	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	28.81	0.00	28.81

The following table summarises the total areas declared per land use and the scheme the areas have been claimed for.



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Land Use	Land use area	BPS Claim	LFASS Claim
Generic Exclusion	0.34	0.00	0.00
Permanent Grassland	7.56	7.56	7.56
Rotational Grass Year 1	8.05	8.05	8.05
Rotational Grass Year 3	6.90	6.90	6.90
Open Woodland (Grazed)	5.96	5.96	5.96
Total	28.81	28.47	28.47

### Livestock, Poultry and Beehives

You have declared the following information on livestock, poultry and Beehives

#### Cattle

Details	Number present on 1 March 2020	Number maintained on LFA land as at 1 March2020
Dairy cows used for milk production	0	0
Suckler cows	20	20
Other dairy and beef cattle (less than 6 months)	0	0
Other dairy and beef cattle (6 - 24 months)	0	0
Other dairy and beef cattle (over 24 months)	0	0

Sheep



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Details	Number present on 1 March 2020	Number maintained on LFA land as at 1 March2020
Ewes and gimmers	107	107
Ewe hoggs	0	0
Other sheep over 6 months old	3	3

Are any sheep used for milk production? No

Possible gathering dates for 2020

13/06/2020 15/08/2020

01/11/2021

Goat

Details	Number present on 1 March 2020	Number maintained on LFA land as at 1 March2020
Goats over 6 months old	2	2

Are there any goats used for milk production? No

#### **Business Details**

You have land only in Scotland



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The Scottish Government Riaghaltas na h-Alba

You are not submitting your SAF 2020 as a Non-trading person or organisation

### **Supporting Documents Summary**

You are not required to supply any supporting document with this application.

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### Land 2020



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### **Permanent Land**

	Land Parce	l Infor	mation					La	and Use	Details	<b>s</b>			Less Favoure d Area		ogical s Area	Enviro Clin	gri- enment nate eme	Forestry Sche		Rural Pr	iorities	Status
Location	Land Parcel Identifier	Payment Region	Gross field area	Excl	BPS Eligible Area	Payment Region	Land use (use code list)	Land use Area	<b>BPS</b> Area being claimed	LFASS	Land Let Out	Land activity	Organic status	LFA Indicator	Activity	Unit	Option	Unit	Option	Unit	Option	Unit	Status
80/482/00 76	NO/64258/9 8943	1 2	14.3 4	0.33	14.0	1  2 	TGRS 1 WDG EXCL	8.05  5.96  0.33	8.05  5.96 	8.05  5.96 	N N N N	PA	No	Y									Validation Passed
80/482/00 76	NO/64633/9 8618	1	6.90	0.00	6.90	1 	TGRS 3 	6.90	6.90	6.90	N 	PA	No	Y									Validation Passed
80/482/00 76	NO/64707/9 8750	1	2.82	0.01	2.81	1  1 	PGRS  EXCL 	2.81  0.01 	2.81	2.81	N  N 	PA	No	Y									Validation Passed
80/482/00 76	NO/64871/9 8992	1	4.75	0.00	4.75	1 	PGRS 	4.75	4.75 	4.75 	N 	PA	No	Y									Validation Passed

### <u>John and Teresa Anderson</u> <u>Store cattle numbers 2014 - 2019</u>

Dates purchased	Store Cattle
May-14	34
Feb-Apr 15	65
Apr-May 16	119
Mar-May 17	128
Mar-May 18	21
Apr-19	25

2016 and 2017 additional seasonal grazing rented. Stores were bought in earlier prior to us starting lambing as we used the lambing shed to house some of them.



# TAX INVOICE

Teresa Anderson Ard na moy Glassel, Banchory Aberdeenshire AB31 4DB Invoice Date 17 Apr 2020

Invoice Number INV-0243

VAT Number 266 3255 52 W Winton & Son Haugh Farm Birse ABOYNE Aberdeenshire AB34 5DA

thewintons@outlook.com

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	VAT	Amount GBP
Spraying grass	17.00	5.00	20%	85.00
MCPA Chemical	1.00	150.00	20%	150.00
			Subtotal	235.00
		TOTA	L VAT 20%	47.00
			TOTAL GBP	282.00

Due Date: 22 May 2020

Bank Details

W Winton & Son Sort Code: 83-28-46 A/C No: 00193955

# **PAYMENT ADVICE**

To: W Winton & Son Haugh Farm Birse ABOYNE

> Aberdeenshire AB34 5DA

thewintons@outlook.com

Customer Invoice Number Teresa Anderson

Amount Due

INV-0243 282.00

Due Date

22 May 2020

Amount Enclosed

Enter the amount you are paying above