Proposed Operational Needs Farmhouse at

Muirfield Farm, Westhill, Inverness

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This exhibition concerns the proposed development of an operational needs farmhouse within Muirfield Farm, Westhill, Inverness. The applicants, Mr Colin and Mrs Dana Wares are local people who acquired and registered the farm in 2015. The farm extends to 26 ha. and is an established traditional stock and grazings unit.

The farm has evolved over the last 4-5 years. Planning approval was obtained in 2017 for an agricultural shed (16/01201/PNO-16/05679/FUL) which is built and occupies a central position in the unit. An earlier planning application (18/02403/FUL) for an operational needs farm house adjacent to the agricultural shed was withdrawn in 2018, pending further investigation of the most appropriate location for the proposal.

The proposed farmhouse is required for **essential operational reasons and for family purposes associated with the management of the land**; and it is supported by an Operational Needs Assessment prepared by the Scottish Agricultural College, which has been accepted by the planning authority as evidence of the essential operational need for a house within the farm.



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