

Addendum 3

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Update

An additional 159 letters of support have been submitted on 21st and 22nd January 2019. The content of these letters are broadly similar to previous letters of support received on the application. It is stated within these letters that the farm provides a good facility for children and adults and provides an opportunity to see how cows are milked and animals are fed. It was stated that the play area and café are good facilities and the staff are friendly and educational. It was identified that the fun farm is an excellent facility particularly on wet days. The fun farm also offers educational benefits for both children and adults. It was also stated that the fun farm makes a valuable contribution to tourism and employment by local people in this area. In total 295 letters of support have been received on this application.

Regard has been had to the benefits outlined within these letters, including the tourism and educational benefits. The significant number of support letters submitted has also been taken into account. That said, it is considered that the matters raised and numbers submitted do not outweigh policy, and that planning policy should not be set aside in this instance. It is considered that the proposed development does not meet the exceptions to development as set out in Policy COU 4 of The Northern Area Plan.

Recommendation

That the Committee note the contents of this Addendum and agree with the recommendation to refuse, as set out in paragraph 9.1 of the Planning Committee Report.