

## **To All West Wight Alpacas Supporters and Friends**

Despite initial negativity, bad press and a certain amount of exaggeration and false rumour spreading it would appear that the majority of the village of Wellow is mostly happy with what we are doing here at West Wight Alpacas. However most people that are happy with us here will not register support for our three planning applications however the objectors who are more active will register their objections. Politics and votes unfortunately can influence councillor's decisions whether it should or should not and we could do with your help in supporting these applications.

As some of you are aware we have three planning applications submitted currently to expand the usage on site here currently, which include the following.

TCP/30601/G – P/01714/12 Proposed Agricultural storage barn.

We already have approval for a much larger barn than this, which was going to be part funded by solar panels on the roof. We are now looking at a building approximately one third of the size which will cope with our storage needs for now.

TCP/30601/H – P/01713/12 Change of use of part of agricultural barn and workshop to form farm shop and parking.

This will mean little change for the current building however currently we are only allowed to sell our own products and a small proportion of other products to the general public. We want to be able to expand this to other craft and related products with a small amount of other items.

TCP/30601/1 – P/01784/12 Continued siting of caravan for use as agricultural workers dwelling.

We moved on to site at the beginning of our breeding season this summer under General Permitted Development order 5, which allows agricultural workers to live on site during their relevant season. We had intended to have this application in and decided before our breeding season finished in October but the arrival of our daughter Rosie and her lengthy stay in NICU took a large chunk out of our year. The application is for a temporary three-year permission to live on site in a mobile home while we prove the viability of the business here. While new planning regulations have meant we could have gone straight for a house on site we decide to take a route that we felt the Local authority would be more comfortable with.

We are expecting some negative letters. Last time we made a planning application some of these objections were actually libellous although we took matters no further (we will this time if people make false statements).

For those of you that know us well and for those of you that just like what we are trying to do your help would be much appreciated by you making a positive comment on each or any of the separate applications.

If you follow this link:

<http://www.iwight.com/council/departments/planning/appsdp/PlanAppSearch.aspx>

and then type in either the TCP number, the Pin number or just Wellow you will find the three applications.

A simple comment like "I would like to register my support for this application" would be fine but if you wish to add anything else feel free.

Comments need to be made by the 28<sup>th</sup> December so if you have a spare moment over Christmas.

Michelle, Neil & Family and Gemma would be very grateful for your support and wish you all a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.