

Rabetts Farm Shepherd Hut Project Overview

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Statement of intent

The Shepherd Hut Project was conceived in order to enhance the income and profitability of Rabbits Farm Ltd which is a 50/50 joint company operated by the owners of Rabetts Farm, who are Richard and Jane Goring.

Rabbits Farm Ltd currently operates as a livery and grassland enterprise whose business is mainly the production of high quality haylage, sheep grazing and DIY horse livery.

Jane and Richard are primarily determined that their 70 acre farm should be well maintained as an asset to the beautiful rural landscape of this part of East Sussex; with good access for walkers and carefully tended fences, grassland, wild life and woodland. They realize that the farm's elevated position should restrict unsightly development, yet, for the farm's long term future, sympathetic ways must be found to generate a reasonable farm income.

The Project

A 'Glamping' exercise to rent very high quality, environmentally friendly, highly mobile, shepherd hut accommodation for short stay breaks or holidays.

The basic idea is to purchase two mobile shepherd huts, each to accommodate two people sleeping and living. Plus one double toilet/shower mobile hut. The three huts would form a small group, which group could be moved around to any of the three locations indicated on the attached OS Shepherd Hut Location Plan (1:2500). The three possible locations were selected as being the least conspicuous from the footpaths or any local dwellings

The composting container (for toilet soil compost) will be positioned just inside 'Pig Wood' (see plan).

The huts are constructed on a steel and oak chassis with large solid steel wheels, treated softwood and ash frame, lined and insulated and clad in dark green corrugated, plastic coated, steel sheeting (see attached illustration). Each group would be positioned either against dense woodland or under high hedges to render them nearly invisible from any footpath or distant high ground.

Each caravan – three in all is completely self contained, no soil or mains electric connections.

Access / Parking

Access is from the B2096 Battle Road.

Parking and turning on site.

Attachments:

Hut Specifications

Hut Plans and elevations

Farm Hut Group Locations Plan

Farm Access Plan

Statement of compliance with Rother Policy Docum

Description and photograph of each hut location