

Joanne Fisher

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Sent: 27 January 2025 10:28
To: Joanne Fisher
Subject: DM/24/3104 - Sandhill Farm Sandhill Lane Crawley Down
Attachments: full accounts 300923.pdf; Full accounts 30092022.pdf; full accounts 30092024.pdf

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Dear Joanne,

Please find below and attached answers to the questions raised by the Council's Agricultural Consultant as laid out in your email to me of 23 Jan.

I hope your site visit went well. Have you started to form an opinion yet on which way you are leaning on this application?

Kind regards,

Simon

[REDACTED]

Sent: 23 January 2025 19:16

[REDACTED]

Subject: Re: DM/24/3104 - Sandhill Farm Sandhill Lane Crawley Down

Hi Simon,
I'm well thanks, hope you are too.

Thanks for sending this email on to me, please find below the answers to the questions.

1. - to see accounts for the last three years. The applicant was left the land in 2013 so there should be a number of sets of accounts. Files attached

2 - A full list of all the livestock on the farm and which business is responsible for them. There is land let out to a livery business, who no doubt will be responsible for their own staffing etc. Land is also let for Dog Walking.

Under control Sandhill Farm ltd:-

6 x beef calves aged 4 months
1 x beef calf 9 months old
20 breeding in-lamb ewes, lambing due in March 2025
15 (2024) lambs/hoggets growing on for market
1 Breeding Ram purchased in 2024
45 laying hens
8 geese, selling males in March leaving 3 females and 1 male .
11 ducks, reducing in March to 4 layers, and a breeding trio
7 Silkie chickens, selling 4 in March to leave 1 breeding trio
6 Pygmy goats, breeding group including 1 Stud male
3 Goats, ex breeding stock.
2 Pigs, 1 ex breeding stock and 1 rescued pig
1 Alpaca, 2 Donkeys, 2 Shetland Ponies.

Under Control of Baker Livery services:-

6 Livery horses
2 personal owned horses

3. - There are comments on increasing stock numbers. What stock is to be purchased in the budget?

Another 4 calves will be purchased after lambing in 2025, and another 4 in the autumn, this will create a more regular supply of finished cattle to sell at market.

6 of the best ewe lambs from 2024 and 8-10 of the best 2025 ewe lambs will be added to the breeding sheep flock.

4. - How is the new building mentioned in the budget for 2025 to be paid for and has planning been applied for?

This will be funded from personal savings following the sale of my previous house. I am not expecting repayment of this director's loan straight away but will draw down the funds slowly once farm income increases.

5 - What machinery does the farm have?

Zetor 8561 4x4 tractor
Kubota 7220 compact tractor
Kuhn 3m disc mower conditioner
Fransguard RV390 hay tedder
Massey round baler
Mconnell 1.8m topper
Fleming MS side discharge muck spreader
5m folding harrow
2.4m framed chain harrow
Cattle crush
Sheep handling system (purchased new 2024) and weighing crush
Yamaha kodiak quad bike and trailer
Cushman UTV
Cub cadet UTV
Tractor mounted log splitter
Tractor mounted Chipper
Tractor mounted post driver

6. - Hay is in the budget for sales, but there are no costs for either contractors, string or machinery running costs.

In 2022 I carried out all hay making myself. String has been purchased and increased diesel costs are in the full accounts.

In 2023 I cut, turned and rowed it up myself and paid contractor to bale for me. Church Farm Services £385.02

In 2024 I cut, turned and rowed it up myself and paid contractor to bale for me. Brian Foster contracting £400.

7. - What options has the business selected under the Sustainable Farming incentive to bring in £6000 per annum.

Unit title	Units	£ per Unit	£ per Year
CSAM1 – Assess soil, test SOM and produce a soil management plan	16.24	£6.00	£97
CSAM1A – Additional payment	1	£97	£97
CIPM1 – Assess integrated pest management and produce a written report	1	£1,129	£1,129
CNUM1 – Assess nutrient management and produce a review report	1	£652	£652
CHRW1 – Assess and record hedgerow condition	658	£0.05	£33
CHRW2 – Manage hedgerows	658	£0.13	£86
CHRW3 – Maintain or establish hedgerow trees	200	£0.10	£20
CLIG3 – Manage grassland with very low nutrient inputs	16.24	£151	£2,452
GRH8 - Supplement: Haymaking (late cut)	16.24	£187	£3,037
GRH11 - Supplement: Cattle grazing (non moorland)	16.24	£59	£958
SFI Management payment (1st year)	16.24	£40	£650
Total year 1			£9,211
Total year 2			£8,886
Total year 3			£8,886
Total over 3 years			£26,658

8. - The applicant has a fulltime job with the fire service therefore who is looking after the stock at present?

My job is shifts of 3 days on and 3 days off, on the 3 days off and in the evenings after work I carry out farm work, when I am at work Sophie Baker does 2 -3 hours per day of basic animal care and mucking out, I then pay her via invoice. I also get 43 days annual leave which gives me more time to work on the farm. I usually work around 40 hours per week on the farm, but as described in my business plan over the next 3 years my hours working away from the farm will gradually reduce and after September 2027 will cease completely as I dedicate full time to the farm.

9. - What was the outcome of DM/19/2345, when the land was in the ownership of the previous person?’

This application was presented by myself, not a previous person, and was refused due to the fact that at the time I lived in a property adjacent to the farm. This property has since been sold to meet the terms of settlement in my divorce.

Hope this all makes sense and is easy to send over to Mid Sussex. For your information Joanne Fisher visited the farm today for the site visit.

Regards

Adrian

From: Joanne Fisher <Joanne.Fisher@midsussex.gov.uk>

Sent: 23 January 2025 11:55

Subject: DM/24/3104 - Sandhill Farm Sandhill Lane Crawley Down

Importance: High

Dear Mr Rix,

I refer to the above application currently under consideration.

I have received comments from the Council’s Agricultural Consultant who has requested further information to assist in the consideration of the application. Please can you provide the following:

‘We will need the following provided or confirmed:

- to see accounts for the last three years.
- The applicant was left the land in 2013 so there should be a number of sets of accounts.
- A full list of all the livestock on the farm and which business is responsible for them. There is land let out to a livery business, who no doubt will be responsible for their own staffing etc. Land is also let for Dog Walking.
- There are comments on increasing stock numbers. What stock is to be purchased in the budget? How is the new building mentioned in the budget for 2025 to be paid for and has planning been applied for?
- What machinery does the farm have?
- Hay is in the budget for sales, but there are no costs for either contractors, string or machinery running costs.
- What options has the business selected under the Sustainable Farming incentive to bring in £6000 per annum.
- The applicant has a fulltime job with the fire service therefore who is looking after the stock at present?
- What was the outcome of DM/19/2345, when the land was in the ownership of the previous person?

I look forward to receiving this further information from you.

Kind regards

Joanne

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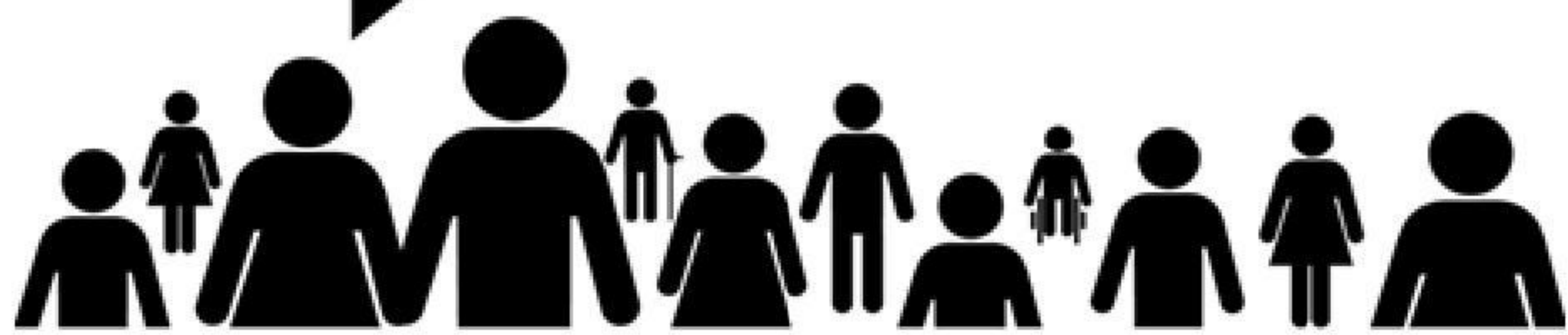
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