

Rural Planning Solutions

Planning Consultancy for Rural Property & Places

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Rural Planning Solutions is a specialist planning service for rural people, property and places. We believe passionately that rural areas are a fantastic place to live, work and visit. Our objective is to enable development which adds value to rural property and communities.

At Rural Planning Solutions we can provide all the professional advice and input necessary to take a development idea from concept to completion.

Our expertise is based on over 50 years collective experience of rural development. Based in north Lancashire we have a wide network of contacts across the UK and a strong track record of adding value to rural property and places.

What we can do

Rural Development

Rural Planning Solutions offer a full “menu” of planning and development advice and support, from initial site and feasibility assessment, market research and options appraisal right through to design, pre-application discussions with planning officers, statutory consultees and community, preparation and submission of the planning application and negotiation of conditions and contributions.

Strategic Planning

We are experts in the provision of strategic planning advice to rural landowners, communities and developers. Our strong economic development and public policy background mean that we are alive to the “bigger” picture and provide advice which takes full account of local circumstances and of the current and emerging policy context.

Sustainable Rural Development

We are recognised national experts in sustainable rural communities, rural economies and renewable energy opportunities. We are able to use our expertise to ensure that schemes in which we are involved get presented in the best possible light.

Neighbourhood Planning

We are leading the development of an approach to Neighbourhood Planning in rural areas. Our approach is informed from our wide experience of Community Led Planning and our early involvement in successful village scale master planning.

For full details of the services Rural Planning Solutions offers please visit www.ruralplanningsolutions.co.uk

Alternatively contact either Rob or John to discuss your requirements. We will be pleased to meet with you without obligation to understand your objectives and set out how we might help you to achieve them.

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Case study Examples:

MASTER PLANNING

Abbeystead Estate Development Vision & Strategy
Commissioned by Grosvenor Estates to produce a Development Vision and Strategy for the Abbeystead Estate in north Lancashire. The estate is set within the Bowland Area of Outstanding Beauty and includes grouse moors, let farms and a wide range of residential properties and community facilities.

WORKSPACE DEVELOPMENT

Backridge Farm, Twitter Lane
Backridge Farm has proved to be an excellent example of how rural development can take place in a sympathetic manner to create a dynamic working environment that does not detract from the surrounding area. In six years a single struggling farm business has been transformed into sixteen thriving businesses employing over seventy people.

RURAL HOUSING

Dunsop Bridge Affordable Housing Scheme
Responsible for identifying and proving the need for affordable housing and helping the community to produce evidence which was used to shape the scheme design and support the successful planning application.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Poorsland Trust Community Workspace
The proposal was to convert redundant farm buildings into a community enterprise centre. The income generated from the facilities is utilised to support other community activities within the village of Slaidburn. We undertook and supported the original planning application with design, business planning and ecological services. We have subsequently assisted with its expansion. The centre has now operated for four years and has remained fully occupied throughout this period.

RENEWABLE ENERGY

North West Biogas
Delivered complex planning associated with commercial Anaerobic Digestion facility located at Fleetwood, Lancashire. The plant has the capacity to process 40,000 tonnes per annum of contaminated organic waste. We delivered full planning support including odour assessment, noise assessment, landscape impact assessment, transport impact assessment and flood risk analysis. subsequently provided technical services associated with funding, feasibility studies and technology selection.

Rural Planning Solutions is a collaboration between Rural Innovation founded by Rob Hindle and Rural Futures (North West) Ltd founded by John Welbank. Both organisations have a track record of success in rural development and public policy consultancy services. Based on their existing areas of expertise the two organisations have now come together to offer a specialist rural planning service that can meet the unique challenges for successful rural development.

