

The proposed development is required to establish a Canine 'Board and Train' facility, providing accommodation for the dogs during their training programmes. The dogs will usually be placed by their owners for two weeks, during which time a trainer will work with the dogs. We will offer three specialist areas;

- 1 behavioural issues, especially aggression
- 2 control around livestock
- 3 development of working dogs for police and protection services.

The accommodation design allows for the highest standards of care in line with the DEFRA 'Guidance notes for conditions for providing boarding in kennels for dogs' (November 2018).

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/762431/animal-welfare-licensing-providing-boarding-for-dogs-guidance.pdf]

The development will provide boarding facilities for up to 12 dogs at any one time, grooming, exercise, rehabilitation and training areas. Allowing for the provision of excellent care during the dogs stay. Furthermore the proposal will provide rural employment opportunities totalling 3 full time and 2 part time employees and a service to the local community.

This development sympathetically replaces three existing structures which currently detract from the natural landscape. The site and design of the building will ensure it remains in keeping with the rural landscape and the impact of traffic will be minimised with an average of 3 additional vehicles per day. There will be no general opening hours for the business and attendance on site will be by appointment only, thereby allowing vehicle movements to be managed to avoid peak periods of traffic.

A draft outline of the proposed development is shown below:

