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I'd like to start this explanation of why we built the sheds. Firstly we didn't know we needed planning permission to replace existing buildings as we are agricultural and have an agricultural holding number. After speaking to defra we was under the impression that we could refurb or replace existing buildings and extend them up to 30 meters.

The original sheds where three chicken sheds and two of stable type they were all in a very poor state and dangerous the pad that they sat was cracked and corroded due to a leak from a pipe that ran under the sheds from the well having caused so many problems one being we kept running out of water when the well was full also it had caused the banking and the wall alongside the sheds to slide. Due to the way the sheds had been raised above the pad we was inundated with rats which we couldn't get rid of by poisoning due to the fear of the chickens being able to get to the poison also I didn't like selling the eggs for fear of the rats coming in contact with the eggs and contaminating them which didn't help with the up keep of the chickens and the fact that I have so many people wanting our eggs as our chickens are truly fee range and are allowed to roam.

The new sheds we have erected are larger by 7.3 square meters and we have had the pad re enforced and this is larger by 20.5 square meters, we have used original materials where possible and tried our hardest to build them so they fit in with their surroundings and not an eye sore also the buildings are not overlooked and are within a good distance from any highway.. We have changed the outlay so the doors are on the side as this makes more use of the space the first two are higher than the original sheds by 0.6 meters but the others are the same height as the original buildings, we now have one as store rooms one as a work shop three are stables for my own horses and two for chickens.

We have built using reclaimed wood and black corrugated asphalt roofing sheets for the exterior and new ply wood inside for ease of cleaning also the building is not raised above the pad so rats can no longer nest under the building...we have now fingers crossed got rid of the rats.

I would like to add that there was 4 other sheds that we had to remove because somebody set one of them on fire this was reported to the police but the person wasn't ever found, we haven't ever replaced these and are not looking to as they were in a bad position but did run of side behind the sheds that we have refurbished and rebuilt they was on a concrete pad of approximately 30 square meters and was used for chickens and other shelters for larger live stock.

I can only stress how sorry we are for not being aware and not asking your permission before we went a head with the work and know that in the future we must ask first.