Planning Statement DC/24/1698 Oakwood Farm, Thakeham

We have owned the 19 acre plot of land now known as Oakwood Farm since 2015.
Our intention for the use of the land has always been to develop a mixed use small farm, which is self sufficient, environmentally sustainable and developed without the use of chemical inputs.
In 2019 we gained certification from the Soil Association for the production of organic hen eggs and organic meat from our sheep.
More recently we have reared grass fed cattle for beef.
To maximise profit from the farm, we decided to sell our produce direct from the farm gate. To do this, we erected a small wooden building to use as a sales kiosk, in September this year.
This kiosk houses a small freezer and a refrigerated vending machine.
We believe that our small business complies with Horsham council's local plan for Rural Economic Development Policy 10 under point 5.17.
To develop our business further, our sales kiosk is necessary “to provide essential profile for commercial viability” as per point 5.19 of the local plan for Horsham District.