

## **8.2 Agricultural Justification Statement.**

The National Park Authority is supportive of farming activity within the Park not least because of the close relationship between farming and the landscape. It is accepted as a matter of principle that on occasions farmers may require further agricultural buildings and some of the modern livestock buildings proposed can be large. While there may be issues of landscape impact and highway access etc in the way of all applications, there is also a need to demonstrate that an agricultural building of the size proposed is reasonably necessary for the purposes of agriculture on that holding. In the past it has not always been clear why an agricultural building has been required and this has led to concerns and delays with dealing with farm building applications.

### Requirements.

The Agricultural Justification Statement is the opportunity for the applicant to set out the size and activities on the farm holding, detail the stocking levels now and proposed in the future, identify the existing buildings and their uses and to explain the agricultural justification for the new building, track or other development proposal.