

Planning & Development Case Study



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Set in rolling fields on a small working farm just 10 minutes from Market Harborough, the holiday rentals have helped local farmers to diversify and offer holidaymakers a small slice of rural Leicestershire life.

Having advised the landowners on several planning matters over the years, the planning and development department at Andrew Granger & Co. were able to help secure planning consent for three new short-term holiday lets as part of a scheme of diversification across the farm holding.

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Stephen Mair, Planning Director, explains a little more about the project:

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"Once all the necessary permissions were in place, it was clear that these landowners had the passion and enthusiasm and much more to offer from their farm."

Planning policy rightly protects the open countryside from unnecessary and inappropriate development, however there is a clear push to assist farmers in diversifying their enterprises in the midst of some challenging times.

Stephen adds: *"With clearer development rights to allow redundant agricultural buildings be better utilised – for residential or commercial purposes – as well as policy support to help boost rural tourism across our countryside, there are endless possibilities for committed farmers grow their businesses."*

If you need any help or guidance regarding a diversification project, or need assistance in resolving a planning enforcement issue, please get in touch with us on **01858 439090**. Alternatively, you can find out more information here: www.andrewgranger.co.uk

