

**Do I need planning permission to build or extend a shed to keep cattle (or horses, donkeys, deer, sheep, goats or rabbits)?**

Provided the gross floor area is not greater than 200 sq. metres and meets the following conditions, you do not need planning permission if you live in a rural area as defined in the Planning and Development Regulations. (This definition is set out earlier in the section “Exempted Development – Background Information – What does it mean”).

- i. No such structure shall be used for any purpose other than the purpose of agriculture.
- ii. The gross floor space of such structure together with any other such structures within the same farmyard complex or within 100 metres of that complex shall not exceed 300 square metres gross floor space in aggregate.
- iii. Effluent storage facilities adequate to serve the structure having regard to its size, use and location, shall be constructed in line with Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development and Department of the Environment and Local Government requirements and shall have regard to the need to avoid water pollution.
- iv. No such structure shall be situated, and no effluent from such structure shall be stored, within 10 metres of any public road.
- v. No such structure within 100 metres of any public road shall exceed 8 metres in height.
- vi. No such structure shall be situated, and no effluent from such structure shall be stored, within 100 metres of any house (other than the house of the person providing the structure) or other residential building or school, hospital, church or building used for public assembly, save with the consent in writing of the owner and, as may be appropriate, the occupier or person in charge thereof.
- vii. No unpainted metal sheeting shall be used for roofing or on the external finish of the structure.