Proposed Use: The designated outdoor paddock area will be utilized as a secure and inclusive outdoor space for nature play and therapeutic activities. The space will cater to a wide range of age groups and community needs, offering:

1. **Stay and Play for Young Children:**
    - Nature-based play sessions promoting early childhood development.
    - Sensory play and exploration in a secure outdoor environment.
    - Supervised activities designed to encourage social interaction and learning through play.
2. **Outdoor Space for Home Education Groups:**
    - Hands-on learning opportunities in a natural setting.
    - Environmental education and nature-based craft activities.
    - Group-led and independent exploration to support alternative education pathways.
3. **Wellbeing and Mindfulness Activities:**
    - Yoga sessions and meditation classes to promote physical and mental well-being.
    - Mindfulness workshops aimed at reducing stress and enhancing relaxation.
4. **Horticultural Activities for Adults:**
    - Gardening and plant cultivation to provide therapeutic benefits.
    - Opportunities for individuals with mental health challenges or dementia to engage in structured, calming activities.
    - Social stimulation through communal gardening and skill-sharing.
5. **Intergenerational Play and Social Stimulation:**
    - Inclusive activities that bring together children, families, and older adults to foster connections and community engagement.
    - Sessions designed to reduce isolation and encourage shared learning experiences.
6. **Animal-Assisted Therapy:**
    - The paddock area will be used for structured animal-assisted therapy sessions.
    - Interactions with alpacas, donkeys, sheep, and other farm animals to promote emotional well-being, confidence, and social skills.
    - Sessions tailored to support individuals with anxiety, autism, dementia, and other needs through calming and engaging animal interactions.

7. **Pop-Up Tea Bar within a Vintage Caravan:**
    - A vintage caravan situated within the paddock area will be used as a pop-up tea bar.
    - Serving hot drinks and homemade cakes to visitors, enhancing the community experience.
    - Providing a welcoming and social space for attendees to relax and connect.
    - Supporting local engagement and sustainability through the use of locally sourced ingredients.
8. **Indoor Workshop Space (Area 2 – Brick Built Workshop):**
    - The existing brick-built workshop space will be repurposed for indoor workshops following necessary repairs, including roofing work, boarding, and insulation.
    - This space will allow sessions to take place all year round, ensuring a safe and supported environments for all participants.
    - The workshop will align with Fields Farm Nature Play & Therapy's goals, offering activities focused on nature therapy, horticultural therapy, dementia care, bereavement support, and carers' support.
    - It will provide an accessible, weatherproof venue to complement the outdoor programs, ensuring continuity of services regardless of seasonal conditions.

Supporting Facilities and Infrastructure:

- Safe and accessible pathways within the paddock area.
- Secure fencing to ensure safety and controlled access.
- Seating areas and sheltered spaces for comfort and accessibility.
- Sustainable and eco-friendly approaches, such as rainwater collection for horticulture.

Community and Environmental Benefits:

- Enhances local access to nature-based therapy and outdoor learning.
- Promotes physical activity and mental well-being across different age groups.
- Encourages biodiversity and sustainable land use through horticultural projects.
- Strengthens community engagement by providing a dedicated outdoor space for group activities.

This planning application seeks approval to utilize the identified paddock area and workshop space for the above purposes, ensuring both indoor and outdoor environments remain valuable and accessible for the wider community while maintaining their natural and secure settings