

A Woollen Mill for Unst?

Consultation Form

Unst Partnership are considering applying for funding to set up a wool spinning mill in Unst to process Unst Shetland Sheep fleeces into yarn. The mill will have the capability to spin small batches and also organic runs. It will provide employment and develop an exclusive Unst brand product. Unst Partnership have already funded a feasibility study which indicated that such a project could make a profit as a successful small business.

You can see a copy of the Feasibility Report on the Unst.org website at <http://www.unst.org/2010/upreports.html>

Prospective Funders now want to see evidence of community support for the project.
Could you please spend a few minutes answering these questions?

1. Are you a Crofter ☐ Knitter ☐ Spinner ☐ Weaver ☐ None of these ☐

Please comment on your interest in the mill.

2. Do you or your family keep Shetland Sheep in Unst? Yes ☐ No ☐

3. Would you be willing to supply Unst Spinning Mill with Shetland Sheep Fleeces?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Maybe ☐

Comments

4. How many Shetland Sheep Fleeces could you supply per year?

white

coloured

5. What do you think would be an acceptable price per fleece, within the range 50p to £1.50 ?

Comments

The mill would employ 1 person to begin with, rising to 2 more part time posts in years 2 and 3, with a café/visitor centre attached employing more staff.

6. Do you think the island of Unst needs more employment opportunities? Yes ☐ No ☐
7. Are you in favour of this project to provide employment? Yes ☐ No ☐

Comment on you reasons

The favoured/preferred site identified at the moment is in Uyeasound using the old Lakeland Salmon Hatchery building near the Galley Shed.

8. Are you in favour of this site? Yes ☐ No ☐

Comment on your reasons

The mill would be a small scale operation. It would not be displacing a significant amount of business from the Shetland Wool Brokers. It would be easier for crofters in the North Isles to transport their wool cut to Unst Spinning Mill.

9. Are there any objections you may have to the project going ahead? Yes ☐ No ☐

Comments

10. Are there any obstacles that might affect the viability of the project? Yes ☐ No ☐

Comments

Signature_____

Thank you very much for taking the time to fill out this questionnaire. If you are willing to be contacted again for further comments, please put your name and contact details here.

Name

Address

Telephone