SUPPORTING STATEMENT IN RELATION TO A

FULL PLANNING APPLICATION FOR THE ERECTION OF A GENERAL PURPOSE AGRICULTURAL BUILDING

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1.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- This Report has been produced to support a Full Planning Application to Staffordshire Moorlands District Council in relation to a proposal to erect a general purpose agricultural building on their land.

- The applicants own approximately 8.5 acres of land which they have purchased recently to amalgamate to their small holding. The business operates under holding number 37 029 0053.

- During summer, a hay crop is taken off the land and then grazed with cattle for approximately 6 weeks thereafter. From November through to April, a number of sheep are grazed on the land.

- At present, there are no buildings on the land which can be utilised by the applicant.

- The building is required to store a range of machinery and hay crop taken off the land. Secure storage is required for machinery and equipment which includes a quad, chain harrows, topper, quad sprayer and trailer. In addition, a range of land management equipment will be stored in the building including fencing tools and equipment, general tools and maintenance items.

- The land is in an accessible location being adjacent to the main road and therefore it is important that machinery and equipment is stored securely to reduce the risk of theft. In addition, the dry storage of machinery and equipment increase its longevity

2.0 SITING, DESIGN AND LOCATION

- The proposed agricultural building is a modest size which has be designed taking into account the storage requirements for the applicants small holding. As noted above, the applicant does not have any agricultural buildings available to him and the need has arisen following the purchase of additional land.

- The proposed building has been sited in a location which minimises the visual impact of the building. The site is adjacent to the existing roadside hedge which due to the topography of the land, there is a difference in height from the road and hedge level to the land below and therefore the proposed building will sit below and benefit from the high roadside hedge.

- The existing roadside access will be utilised with a short track proposed to the building. Whilst the building could be located immediately adjacent to the existing access and adjacent to the existing handling pen, this location would be more isolated and it is considered more suitable to site the building in proximity of the main house to cluster the proposal with the existing house and residential curtilage.

- A small area of yard is required for machinery, vehicles, livestock handling and loading which is proposed to be finished in limestone chatter.

- In terms of the construction detail, as the local landscape is dominated by woodland, timber boarding will be used on the elevations with a juniper green finish to the roof sheets.

- The design of the proposed building is in keeping with the local landscape and the construction materials typical for agricultural buildings. The proposed site of the building is considered to be least obtrusive on the landholding whilst meeting the practical and functional needs of the applicant.