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AGRICULTURAL STATEMENT RELATING TO THE ERECTION OF A GENERAL PURPOSE AGRICULTURAL BUILDING AT

HICKHAM FARM, IPSTONES EDGE, IPSTONES, STOKE-ON- TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE, ST10 2LR

1. INTRODUCTION

This statement has been prepared in support of a prior notification application relating to erection of a general purpose agricultural building to be used primarily for the storage of machinery and fodder.

The applicant, Mr DAJ Burton requires the additional building to provide essential storage area for machinery and fodder at the above holding.

2. SITE ANALYSIS

The applicant's holding extends to approximately 98 acres (39.66 ha) which is mainly located adjacent to Hickham Farm. The applicant runs a substantial sheep enterprise comprising 400 breeding ewes plus lambs and approximately 50 hogs.

Whilst the holding has sufficient livestock building space, the holding lacks internal space for the storage of machinery and fodder. Therefore an additional building is required.

3. PROPOSED BUILDING

A steel portal frame building is proposed which has a footprint of 250m².

4. DESIGN PRINCIPLES

4.1. SCALE

The proposal is considered commensurate with the size of the holding.

4.2. USE

The building will be used for agricultural purposes for the storage of machinery and fodder. A floor plan has been included.

4.3. BUILDING MATERIALS

Full elevation and roof plans have been submitted which provide detail of the proposed construction materials.

4.4. SITING

The proposed building has been sited in the existing yard area. The topography of the land allows for the proposed building to sit below the existing field level which significantly reduces the visual impact when viewed from the roadside.

4.5. LANDSCAPING

The applicant is keen to extend the new planting which has already been carried out on the farm and therefore 5 number individual native trees are proposed as shown on the submitted block plan.

The trees will be individually protected and managed until established fully (usually a 5 year period).

These trees will provide an element of screening for both the proposed building and existing range when viewed from the roadside.

5. ACCESS

The proposed building will be accessed through the existing yard from the public highway.