DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

PLANNING APPLICATION FOR FARM YARD MANURE STORE

LOCATION
Blackshaw Farm
Blackshaw Moor
Leek
Staffordshire
ST13 8TR

ON BEHALF OF
C. Harvey Day & Sons

INTRODUCTION

The above clients own Blackshaw Farm with the total extent of their farming enterprise being 260 acres or thereabouts.

They run the farm on the basis of a herd of milking dairy cows numbering approximately 120. There are also approximately 25 replacement Heifers, 30 Yearlings, 20 Steers and 50 calves on the Holding

All of the cattle that do not form part of the main milking herd are bedded on straw. The milking herd are housed in cubicles with the slurry entering an existing slurry store.

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The land is laid to permanent pasture.

DESIGN – SITE ASSESSMENT

The proposed Farm Yard Manure Store is in response to requests from Natural England, who would like to see manure stored undercover to reduce the run-off of effluent into watercourses. Currently manure is stored on two uncovered areas measuring 18.3m x 6.1m.

As will be seen from the enclosed plans the building has been situated close to the existing slurry store and farm buildings and also on part of the field that is slightly lower so that the structure will not be obtrusive to the surrounding countryside.

DESIGN – AMOUNT

Detailed calculations have been carried out by the client and it has been found that a manure store 18.3m x 13.7m will be sufficient to store the manure produced. The building will be approximately 3.65m to the eaves.

The store will be of portal frame construction with an open front to allow access. The remaining three walls will consist of a concrete panel wall to approximately 1metre high with cement fibre sheeting above. The roof will be covered with cement fibre sheets.

DESIGN – USE

The use of the manure store will be purely for the storage of farm yard manure produced by the cattle on the holding.

DESIGN – LAYOUT AND SCALE

It will be seen from the attached plans that the manure store has been located close to the existing homestead so that it is not obtrusive to the surrounding countryside and will blend in with the existing buildings. The client has carried out an assessment of the farmstead and it has been decided that the proposed site is most acceptable for the above purposes.

ACCESS

It is considered that there will be no need for any additional access as the site fronts directly onto the farm yard.

Consultations with the Highway Authority are not necessary in this case because of the location of the proposed store which is well away from the existing highway.

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