Prior Notification of Agricultural Development
at
Lower Farm,Thorncliffe.Leek Staffordshire
ST13 7LP

Agricultural Statement

Enterprise.

We farm 60 hectares mixed hill and low land grass land which partly surrounds the application at Thorncliffe. The farm maintains a flock of 400 Ewes which lamb in-spring with the lamb crop sold as stores in the late Autumn. Winter fodder is conserved in the form of hay which is made in the meadows and is at present stored in the open at the rear of Lower Farm.

Proposal

It is proposed to construct a steel portal framed multi purpose agricultural building to the east of the farm- stead in a position what is screened from the village by the existing buildings at neighbouring farm- stead of Grove Bank Farm. The building will have a depth of 32 metres and a width of 13.7 metres giving a storage area of 439 sqm .Providing cover for 200 ton of baled hay and the farm machinery associated with the 60 hectare grass land holding.

Access

The building is part of the holding that stands to the east of the village with access to the remainder of the holding being via the existing driveway between Lower Farm and Foxs Croft.

Design

The roof of the building is proposed in corrugated fibre cement sheeting slate blue the walls and gables are proposed in corrugated steel sheeting slate blue to give security and protection from weather. The walls would also have concrete panels to 2 mtrs above ground level. The gated entrance on the west elevation is proposed at 5 mtrs high to allow machinery access. Lighting would be translucent roof lights. It is proposed to harvest the rain water for agricultural use.

Scheme of Landscaping

I propose to grow a double row hedge of quick thorn spaced 12 inches apart this will also include a number of alder and birch saplings at 12 metre intervals to the south and west of the proposed steel frame building and access road. A sheep netting fence will run parallel to the hedge on the field side to help protect from livestock. Saplings will also be protected by spiral guards.

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