

Agricultural Statement

For JCM Estates, Smithy Pool, Consall Lane, Consall, ST9 0AF

Introduction

We are instructed by JCM Group Holdings (UK) Ltd to prepare and submit a prior notification application to Staffordshire Moorlands District Council for the erection of an agricultural building at Smithy Pool Farm.

Smithy Pool Farm is part of JCM Group Holdings (UK) Ltd and is part of the agricultural sector of the business. JCM Group Holdings (UK) Ltd. The building is required in order to enable JCM Group Holdings (UK) Ltd to achieve its aim of improving and expanding the farming enterprise.

JCM Group Holdings (UK) Ltd directly farm some 136ha (336.06 acres) of agricultural land as an in-hand operation and own a further 211ha (521.38 acres) of land which is let out. Smithy Pool Farm itself consists of some 32.4ha. JCM Group Holdings (UK) Ltd. All of the land is registered for the Basic Payment Scheme.

Justification

The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (Part 6 Class B) states that the test for agricultural and forestry development is generally what is "reasonably necessary for the purposes of agriculture within the unit". It has already been stated that there are no other buildings available on the unit and that there is a need to store feed and implements / machinery.

JMC Group Holdings (UK) Ltd currently operates a comprehensive range of agricultural machinery, including:

- 6 Tractors
- Plough
- Power harrow
- 2 Seed drills
- 3 Boom sprayers
- Buck rake
- 2 Teddors
- Umbilical kits (Slurry)
- Conventional baler
- Round baler
- 2 Bale grabs

- De-stoner
- Elevator
- Hedge cutter
- Fertilizer spinner
- Disc cultivator
- Corn dryer
- 2 Slurry tankers
- 2 Muck spreaders
- Loading shovel
- 2 Telescopic loaders
- JCB Loadall
- 2 Dump trailers
- 7 Trailers
- Hook loader trailer
- Wood chipper
- 5 Excavators
- 2 Flail mowers
- Round bale wrapper
- Hand tools
- Chainsaw
- Slurry stirrer

Arriving at the siting and location of this building the applicant has identified that a building is required in this location, so that feed and the storage of implements and machinery can be stored safely. In addition, the erection of the building on this farm would meet a wider requirement of JCM Group Holdings (UK) Ltd as an agricultural building in this location for storage purposes will benefit the wider agricultural operation, especially in this area of the enterprise.

Conclusion

Having regard to the above, it is concluded that the building addresses the needs of the agricultural business by supporting the existing enterprise operating from the farm and as part of the wider agricultural unit and in turn ensure its long term viability. The development is sited in the best location from an operational perspective and makes good use of the existing access and landscape features to minimise its impact.