SUPPORTING STATEMENT IN RELATION TO A

PRIOR NOTIFICATION FOR THE ERECTION OF AN

AGRICULTURAL BUILDING

AT

WOODLANDS FARM

WOODLANDS LANE

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ON BEHALF OF

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1.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- This Report has been produced to support a prior notification to Staffordshire Moorlands District Council in relation to a proposal to erect an agricultural building for the storage of machinery, hay and straw.

- The applicants operate a substantial livestock business farming over 90 acres. Holding number 37/203/0128.

- The applicants have 50-100 head of cattle including youngstock on the holding at any one time.

- At present they have insufficient building storage on the farm for machinery, hay and straw and as the stocking numbers increase they require additional building space for this use.

- In addition, the applicants also run a 40,000 head poultry unit supplied to Moy Park.

2.0 PROPOSED BUILDING

- The proposed building has been sited adjacent to the existing buildings.

- The proposed building will be 30.000m long x 15.000m wide x 4.572m high to eaves level. The floor area created by this development will be 450m².

- Due to the inadequate storage facilities the applicant requires this building to store machinery, hay and straw required to manage the holding.

- By enabling hay and straw bales to be stored in the building it will reduce the use of plastics therefore creating a more environmentally friendly holding.

- Machinery to be stored are currently left outside exposed to the elements. This building will also enable the applicant to have shelter to mend any broken-down machinery. Machinery to be stored include tractors, trailers and general agricultural equipment required to run the holding. This building will enable the equipment to be kept out of view and restricts the chances of the implements being stolen.

- The floor area of this building will be of an open plan type design.

- This building will accommodate the required storage space and ensure good farm management with easily maintained clean and hygienic conditions. This building will ensure a good strong future for his business.

- This building will incorporate a Natural coloured fibre cement sheeted roof, treated Yorkshire boarding vertical cladding and pre-stressed concrete wall panels below boarding. We feel these materials will blend into the existing landscape without having an adverse effect.

3.0 LANDSCAPING

- Consideration has been given to various locations across the farm to find a suitable site which meets the practical requirements of the business and minimize the impact of the building on the local landscape.

- The proposed site is within close proximity of the existing buildings and yard area and by utilizing the existing ground levels, this minimizes the impact of the building particularly when viewed from the North East.

4.0 CONCLUSION

- The need and use of this proposed building has been reviewed and it is considered that the building is of an appropriate size and scale for the business and for the site.

- The proposed building is essential in order to provide the farm with suitable machinery, hay and straw storage.

- The siting of the building minimizes the impact on the local landscape and is in a location which is practical for the business needs.