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Agricultural Statement

For Mr R Day, Basford Bridge Farm, Basford Bridge Lane, Cheddleton, ST13 7EQ

Introduction

We are instructed by Mr R Day to prepare and submit a prior notification application to Staffordshire Moorlands District Council for the extension of an agricultural building at Basford Bridge Farm. The agricultural unit

Mr R Day directly farms some 60.7ha (150 acres) of agricultural land, 90 acres which is owned with a further 60acres rented. The farming operation at Basford Bridge Farm consists of arable farming and raising cattle for beef production, where the herd size currently stands at approximately 50 beef cattle. The farm also undertakes contract work for other farms in the locality.

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.

Mr R Day currently operates a comprehensive range of agricultural machinery, including:

- 10 x Tractors
- 3 x Silage trailers
- 5 x Flat bed trailers
- 3 x Slurry tanks
- 1 x Big rake
- 2 x Muck spreaders
- 3 x Ploughs
- 2 x Sub soilers
- 3 x Bailers
- 2 x Maize header
- Numerous miscellaneous tools and implements, including hand tools

Arriving at the siting and location of this extension the applicant has identified that the extension of the current building is required, so that the storage of implements and machinery can be stored safely and improve the operation of the farm unit.

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 as an 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.