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Agricultural Justification Supporting Statement

For replacement agricultural building At New Hill Farm, Tickhill Lane, Dilhorne, ST10 2PL

This Supporting Statement has been prepared to accompany a planning application for reinstatement of a partly derelict agricultural building at New Hill Farm, Tickhill lane Dilhorne.

A Design and Access Statement has already been submitted explaining the planning history, relevant planning policies and rationale for the development.

This is a full planning application for the erection of a replacement agricultural building to meet the needs of the applicants surrounding 5.5 acres of farmland. That acreage is within the ownership of the applicant, who intends to buy or rent further land in the near future. In fact negotiations are progressing at present to secure further grazing land in the vicinity.

The site is a registered farm holding with a holding number of 37/025/0226.

At present a flock of breeding sheep are owned by the applicant. The flock number is 178924, on the Animal Health Register. The flock presently consists of:

Coloured Ryland's = 1 Ram and 6 ewes.

Balwens = 1 Ram and 9 ewes.

The replacement building will be used for winter housing of the sheep. It will also be available for sheltering the sheep during adverse weather in the remainder of the year. During the lambing season the flock are kept permanently inside for necessary care and attention.

In addition to the sheep husbandry requirements, there is an agricultural storage requirement. For maintenance of the farmland the applicant owns a tractor and requires storage for that and ancillary farm equipment/machinery. For safety and security, and too prevent deterioration of those items they need to be stored inside a building.

The building replaces a former building on the site with the same dimensions and footprint. The previous building had had no roof for some time and the walls had fallen down in the last 6 months.

The replacement building will have concrete block external walls to a height of 1.1 m with timber space boarding to the upper walls. The roof will be metal sheeting.

As this application proposes a replacement agricultural building, in the same position and to the same dimensions of a building that has recently collapsed, it is acceptable in planning policy terms notwithstanding its Green Belt location. The building will meet the agricultural needs of the applicant in farming the surrounding 5.5 acres. It will be used for livestock and for agricultural storage.