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Local Requirements

Proposal: Agricultural building to house and feed sheep and store fodder & implements
Site Reference: Mr G Pettitt, Land adjacent to Fern Bank Farm, Hulme, Longton, ST3 5BQ

Affordable Housing Information
Not Applicable

Agricultural Developments Statement
Agricultural Holding No.
37/272/0114

Size of holding
The applicant currently farms approximately 20 acres, of which all is owned by the applicant.

This farmland is used to rear sheep and produce fodder

Animals kept at the site
The applicant currently has no stock on the land but is looking to purchase approximately 30 sheep once he has a building in which to keep them during times of bad weather and during lambing.

Existing buildings on the holding
There are currently no buildings on this holding.

Additional rented buildings/land
The applicant does not currently rent any additional land or buildings.

Proposed size of building
The applicant wishes to erect a steel framed agricultural building 18.288m long x 9.144m wide x 3.048m high to eaves level.

The floor area created by this development will be 167.23m².

Proposed use of building
The applicant has recently inherited part of a holding, it was split between him and his sister, his sister taking on the buildings at Fern Bank Farm and the applicant the adjacent land. The part of the holding that he has inherited has no buildings on for him to store the produce grown or for storage of the implements he has to manage the land.

The applicant is fully aware of the inadequate storage facilities available.

As a result the applicant requires this building to house and feed livestock. These livestock will be loose housed on a solid floor.

There are no other buildings on site to house the stock levels and to store the fodder and implements required to manage the holding. The applicant is fully aware of the inadequate housing and storage facilities available.

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

Shelter should be provided for sheep especially in cold, wet, windy weather, at lambing and after shearing. Very young lambs are particularly susceptible to hypothermia in cold wet weather.

Defra regulations state that animals are not meant to poach the ground therefore housing for animals is essential.
FABBL requirements state that the space allowance for loose-housed sheep on a solid floor during pregnancy is a minimum of 1.2m² - 1.4m² and 2.0m² - 2.2m² after lambing with lambs at foot up to six weeks of age.

Deep litter bedding will be used on the solid floor; this bedding will then be spread back on the applicants land.

Where possible, pregnant ewes should be kept in groups of less than 50 to allow for better individual recognition and attention at lambing time.

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

In addition to the above this building will also be used to store implements. These implements are currently left outside exposed to the elements. This building will also enable the applicant to have shelter to mend any broken down implements. Implements 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.

<u>Employment at the site</u>
The applicant currently runs the holding himself and does not employ anyone on the holding.

Agricultural Workers Dwellings Appraisal
Not Applicable

Archaeological Report
Not Applicable

Biodiversity Survey & Report
Not applicable

Change of use of shops or community facilities to other uses – Supporting Information
Not Applicable

Environmental Statement
Not Applicable

Town Centre Uses –Evidence to accompany applications for town centre uses
Not Applicable

Farm Diversification Schemes – Supporting Information
Not Applicable

Flood Risk Assessment
Not Applicable

Foul Sewage & Utilities Assessment
Not Applicable

Heritage Statement (including listed buildings, Historical features, Archaeological features and Scheduled ancient monuments)
Not Applicable

Land Contamination Assessment
Not Applicable

Landfill Applications
Not Applicable

Landscaping Details
The applicant is happy to carry out any landscaping scheme specified by yourselves in order to protect the amenities of the site and the area.

Any trees planted will be fenced from livestock and will be protected by either spiral-type rabbit guards with canes or Netlon mesh-type guards including canes.

A circle of 1 metre around the base of each tree shall be kept weed free for a period of at least 2 years.

Any trees that die, become seriously damaged or diseased will be replaced by trees of similar size, unless there is reason to believe that the original species chosen was unsuitable for the site, in which case an alternative appropriate species will be used.

All planting would be carried out in the first planting season following the construction of the building.

Trees will be provided in accordance with BS 3936 and planting to be in accordance with BS 4428.

Lighting Assessment/ Details of Lighting Scheme
Not Applicable

Loss of Employment Land/ Buildings Statement
Not Applicable

Noise Impact Assessment
Not Applicable

Open Space Assessment
Not Applicable

Parking & Access Arrangements
Not Applicable

Photographs & Photomontages
Not Provided

Planning Obligations – Draft Heads of Terms
Not Applicable

Planning Statement
Not Applicable

Refuse Disposal Details
Not Applicable

Site Waste Management Plan
Not Applicable

Statement of Community Involvement
Not Applicable

Structural Survey / Works Method Statement
Not Applicable

Telecommunications Development – Supplementary Information
Not Applicable

Transport Assessment
Not Applicable

Travel Plan
Not Applicable

Tree Survey / Arboricultural Implications
Not Applicable

Ventilation / Extraction Statement
Not Applicable