

Supporting documentation for a purpose-built fodder store

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Introduction

This document is in full support for an application for a purpose-built fodder and machinery store at Sprinks Farm, Dingle Lane, Rushton Spencer. The applicant has established dairy farming enterprise, farming 190 acres or thereabouts, all of which is at, or close to Sprinks Farm.

Stocking Rates

The client currently has established dairy herd comprising of 100 milking cows with 100 followers. The applicant operates a robotic milking system, which has now been well established for a number of years.

Land

The client farms around 190 acres or thereabouts of grassland, with 160 acres mown and 30 acres grazed. The grassland work is undertaken in hand by the applicant.

Current Buildings

Sprinks Farm currently has a compact range of agricultural buildings onsite, with all the current buildings being utilised for the housing of cattle. There are no current suitable fodder storage facilities onsite, and therefore the fodder and machinery is stored outside.

Proposed Development

The proposed development will be of portal framed construction. The proposed building will be of portal frame construction, with a standard agricultural roof pitch. The proposed development will be 12ft to the eaves. Elevation drawings are provided to give further details of the design.

Conclusion/ Agricultural Justification

The building is to be positioned a short distance from the farmstead, on a site which is already utilised for outside storage of fodder and machinery. Pictures of the site have been provided.

The purpose of the building is to store fodder and machinery. The availability of dry storage will mitigate the need to use silage wrap to store bales outside. This is a significant cost saving and an environmental benefit. The ability to store machinery inside will reduce weathering on the machinery and give it more longevity, again with financial savings and environmental benefits.