

Heritage Statement

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Upper Tittesworth Farm
Buxton Road
Blackshaw Moor
Leek
Staffordshire
Project No. OLME/2022

1.00 INTRODUCTION

1.01 This Heritage Statement is submitted in support of the Listed Building Planning Application for the replacement of an existing dilapidated timber framed Poultry Shed and the adjacent concrete blockwork Bull Pen. The replacement building to be used as a Cattery of a proportion similar in height and footprint to the existing buildings. The application address is known as Upper Tittesworth Farm, Buxton Road, Blackshaw Moor, Leek, Staffordshire.

2.00 CONTEXT

2.01 The proposal is set within the group of buildings which forms part of Upper Tittesworth Farm, which consist of the Grade II Listed Farmhouse with a range of agricultural buildings some of which are traditional stone barns constructed during the 19th Century. The other more modern farm buildings built in the latter part of 20th Century consisting of a sizable single storey brick shippin and a portal framed building which sits between the stone and brick shippins.

2.02 The proposal to remove of the Poultry Shed and Bull Pen in favour of a new portal framed building would be seen as considerable improvement. The two buildings have no architectural merit or significance to the Farmhouse and the Listed Building status.

3.00 LISTED BUILDING DETAILS

3.01 Upper Tittesworth Farmhouse
Heritage Category: Listed Building
Grade: II
List Entre Number: 1262162
Date first listed: 05-June-1985
Statutory Address: Upper Tittesworth Farmhouse

- 3.02 SK 05 NW TITTESWORTH C.P. _
8/122 Upper Tittesworth - Farmhouse
- II

Farmhouse. C17. Coursed smooth dressed sandstone; blue machine tile roof; verge parapets; small brick stack to right and rear of ridge centre. Single-storey and attic, 5-window front, 3-light casement dormers with timber-framed gables; 3-light chamfered mullioned casements to ground floor, small fire-bay light corresponding to stack position; blocked C17 door, now window to left of centre and later entrance in right hand bay. Interior: chamfered beams to plastered ceilings; fireback only remains.
Listing NGR: SK0036858493

4.00 DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.01 The proposal would seek to create a building which would integrate into the group of agricultural buildings and which would sensitively respect the setting of the Listed building. The materials proposed being a combination of traditional vertical Yorkshire Boarding and Moorland Green plastic coated profiled steel sheeting.
- 4.02 The main access to the building would be through the existing concrete yard and roadway which lies to the North and Westerly side of the stone and brick shippens. This area is to some extent screened from the main A52 and further tree planting is planned to improve the screening relationship of roadway to site area.
- 4.03 The height of the proposal is similar to that of the existing buildings which would be demolished and therefore would not produce anything which could be considered overstated or disproportionate in relation to existing buildings.

5.00 CONCLUSION

- 5.01 The proposal seeks to address the replacement of buildings in poor condition and no longer fit for purpose. The new building of modest proportion would visibly produce a more desirable outlook in the setting of a Listed Building.

