

Supporting Documentation for a Purpose-Built Fodder & Implement Store.

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INTRODUCTION

This document is in full support for the proposed fodder and implement store at Hermitage Farm. The applicants have a well-established livestock farm business enterprise farming over 200 acres or thereabouts of grassland. The proposed building will provide the applicant with a vital area to store fodder and machinery which the current buildings onsite do not provide.

LIVESTOCK

The applicants have a beef enterprise comprising of 140 head of beef cattle, including sucker breeding cows and breeding dairy heifers.

LAND

The applicants farm business farms over 200 acres of grassland with 85 acres owned by the applicant.

PROPOSED BUILDING

The proposed building is a portal frame agricultural building measuring 100ft in length and 40ft in width with a 5ft overhang at the eaves. The building will be 15ft to the eaves.

The building will have concrete panels too two meters in height with Yorkshire boarding thereafter to the eaves the roof will be constructed of cement fibre sheeting and will be in keeping with existing buildings onsite and locally.

The proposed building will be sued Soley for agricultural purposes to store vital fodder which will be fed to the cattle housed onsite as well as store vital machinery which is sued multiple times daily to feed and care for livestock and the land.

OTHER BUILDINGS

There are currently a range of other agricultural buildings onsite which are used for the is housing of livestock and one building which is used for the storage of fodder, however the building is not suitable and is not easily accessible for the applicant's machinery to access and egress the building.

PROTECTION OF FARM MACHINERY

The protection of farm machinery is vital. The machinery used on the farm is expensive and costly to fix if broken if broken down both in terms of time and money.

The modern farm machinery is used daily on the farm to feed the livestock and tend to the land. Any breakdowns will leave livestock unfed and land un-tended which is causes issues for the health and welfare of the livestock under the care of the applicants.

PROTECTION OF FODDER

The dry storage of fodder is essential to ensure that the fodder does not become damp and mouldy. Mould spores are harmful to livestock causing respiratory issues and can even be fatal, not to mention the financial implications of buying in replacement fodder to a business that is already run on tight financial margins.

DRY STORAGE OF STRAW BEDDING

The dry storage of straw bedding is essential, if straw is stored outside it becomes mouldy and in turn the livestock bedded on the mouldy straw can become ill from the mould spores, this can cause respiratory issues for the livestock bedded on the straw.

CONCLUSION

- The proposed development is in keeping with other agricultural buildings onsite and locally.
- The proposed development will be solely used for agricultural purposes to store fodder and farm machinery used onsite.
- The applicants have a genuine need for the proposed building.
- The proposed building will help prevent unnecessary breakdown of machinery which are detrimental to the health and welfare of the livestock farmed by the applicants.
- The proposed building will help improve the longevity of the farm machinery and prevent breakdowns to the expensive farm machinery.