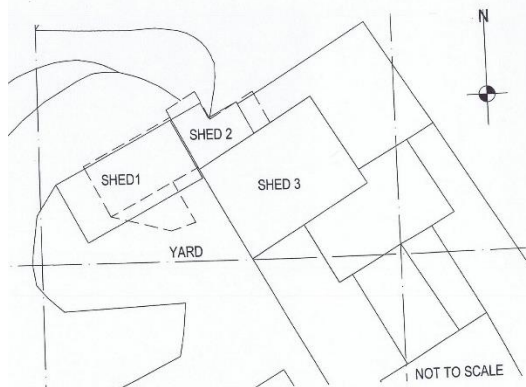


Hall House Farm, Rushton Spencer Replacement Cattle Sheds

Design and Access Statement

Fig 1. Existing Barn Key (not to scale)



Background Information

Hall House Farm comprises 66ha of pasture land on which are reared 85 Wagyu and Commercial cattle.

Over the winter of 2012 the cattle shed occupying the northern end of the yard at Hall House Farm (shed 1) was irreparably damaged by high winds, leaving a dangerous and unusable structure. In the interests of safety the remaining structure was dismantled. The applicant has begun to erect a new portal frame structure in the same location ready for use as winter cover for the cattle (see fig 2, 4 & 5). The frame, roof and part of the rear wall of this structure have been completed but further work has been suspended pending receipt of planning permission.

It is proposed, at a later date, to upgrade shed 2 (see figures 3, 4 & 5) which is currently in poor condition. This proposal is included in the current application.

Fig 2. shed 1 as current (internal)



Fig 3. shed 2 as current (from east)



Fig 4. shed 1 as current (external)



Fig 5. shed 1 & 2 as current (external)



Design Statement

The portal frame cattle shed is situated on the site of the demolished shed but better utilises the available space, providing easier access into the shed for the cattle and farm equipment and improved access for feeding through the feeding bars to the front (southern) elevation. The height of eaves and ridge are similar to the previous shed. The existing trees mask the sheds from Askerbank Lane to the west and north (see fig 6.)

Fig 6. View towards shed 1 from Askerbank Lane (north-west)



Fig 7. View towards shed 2 from Askerbank Lane (north)



The proposals also include the demolition of the existing small shed to the east (shed 2) and the construction of a smaller portal frame shed in its place. The existing shed is in a poor state of repair and unsightly from Askerbank road to the north (see Fig 7.) The proposed scheme looks to maintain the existing eaves and ridge height but reduce the length of the shed by 2.7m to reduce the visual impact of the structure from the road and properties lower down the hill, and to bring the rear of the shed into alignment with the new shed 1.

The design and materials used for both sheds is based upon a generic form for this type of structure. The structure is designed to give a degree of shelter to cattle over the winter months whilst allowing a free flow of air across the building and to facilitate ease of feeding.