

Agricultural Building at Plane Tree Farm

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1 Introduction

This is a Planning Statement written in support of a planning application at Plane Tree Farm for the construction of an agricultural building. Mr Bullock (“the Applicant”) owns Plane Tree Farm and is in business with his brother Stuart. Plane Tree Farm comprises 41.1 hectares of productive meadow and pasture land. The farmyard comprises three main agricultural buildings including cubicle housing, loose housing and straw storage.

This application is for the extension of the loose housing building.

2 Use

The proposed building will be used for the purpose of livestock housing in straw pens.

3 Scale

The proposed building will extend to 13.72m wide by 9.14m long and 4.42m to the eaves.

4 Layout

The building will be divided up into pens to allow the housing of livestock in a controlled manor.

5 Appearance

The north and east elevations directly adjoin adjacent buildings. The south elevation will comprise concrete panels to 2.4m and Yorkshire boarding to the eaves. The west elevation will partially adjoin the straw storage building however the visible part of the building will comprise Yorkshire boarding from the apex down to the eaves and two steel sheeted gates to enable access from the farmyard. The roof will comprise grey FRC roof sheets and two roof lights per bay per side.

6 Farming Operations

The main farming activity at Plane Tree Farm includes the rearing of beef cattle. At present, the Applicant keeps 140 store cattle of a variety of ages. The store cattle are all continental crosses and are purchased through the local auction marts throughout the year. The cattle are grazed throughout the summer months and are then housed during winter to ensure the land is kept in good condition.

The cattle are kept for a minimum of six months before there are sold prime either direct to the abattoir or through the local auction marts.

The site of the proposed building is currently used as farmyard and a loafing area for the housed cattle. The site lends itself to being covered over and the proposed development will reduce the risk of water pollution from dirty water production on the farm.

7 Conclusion

The development is now essential for the Applicant's farming business to develop whilst reducing the risk of water pollution from dirty water. The design of the building is commensurate with other agricultural buildings on the holding and the location is directly adjacent to three other buildings. The development represents a viable and sustainable contribution to the rural economy whilst respecting the character and appearance of the area.

Annex 1 Location Plan

Annex 2 Site Plan

Annex 3

Elevation Drawings

Annex 4 Farm Plans