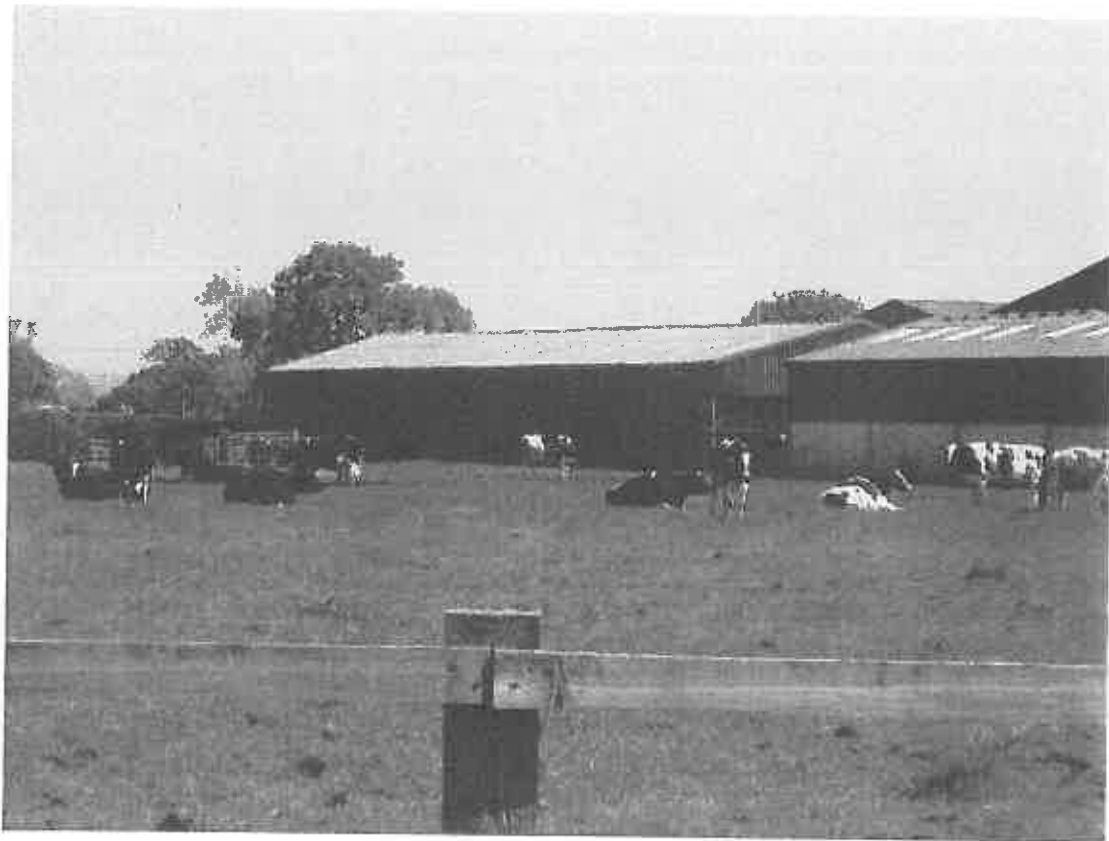


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**Proposed Agricultural Buildings (Phase 1-4) Development at
Bolton Fold Farm,
Alston,
Longridge,
Preston,
Lancashire.**



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1:- History.

1.1 – Early History.

The family's Farm was bought by the present owners parents in 1980, after renting the farm by the previous generation. With the pressures of increase in costs as the mortgage was nearly double the rent, Alston Dairy was set up to find new markets for the milk produced. This has blossomed into a thriving success supplying several local and national supermarkets around the country and takes all its milk from the farm.

1.2 – Recent Development.

The farm is run by the third generation and continues to expand, The more recent history of the farm is the separation of the milking herds between the brothers,

There are currently 299 Acre's farmed, for this herd with the acreage mainly grass with some maize grown for whole crop.

All the calves & Heifers are reared on the farm to allow greater efficiency and bio security of farm.

1.3 - Listed Status.

The property does not have listed status.

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2:- Design Component.

2.1 – Use.

The extensions and new build are to allow the milking herd to be accommodated in more modern housing so complying with higher welfare standards.

2.2 – Amount.

The capacity of the extensions will allow an extra 142 cows to be housed.

2.3 - Layout.

The layout is two rows of cubicles facing each other, with a passageway down each side of the cubicles and an access through to the other feed passage having a feed trough along it.

2.4 - Scale

The scale is within keeping of the present modern farm.

2.5 – Landscape

The landscape will not alter as there are buildings surrounding the proposed building.

2.6 - Appearance

The appearance will be similar to the existing buildings on the farm being a steel portal frame and timber cladding, cement sheet roof.

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3.0 - Access

Access will be from the existing building through the yard area to the West of the building.

The feed passage will be accessible from both ends of the building.