

The Farm Process

**In Support of a full planning application for a new
silage clamp at**

**Pasture House Farm
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The Process

The farm is situated 175m above sea level between West Marton and Gisburn near to the Lancashire / Yorkshire border. The farm land is split into three blocks totalling approximately 80 hectares (197 acres).

Some of the farm land is in Gisburn, some is in East Marton and the other is around the farmstead. The farm is a mixed farm with both livestock and arable. The livestock comprises of goats and cattle.

Goats are kept on the farm for their milk. Currently, there are 1300 milking goats in the Gledstone herd and the predominant breed is British Saanen.

Alongside the milking goats there are young goats that will mature and enter the milking herd as well as 8 Billy goats. There has been an increase in the milking herd in recent times, from 1000 to 1300



The farm also makes 12000t of silage, mainly whole crop wheat silage and the remainder grass silage, to feed the dairy goats throughout the year.

The current silage clamp is inadequate for purpose any longer, and this application seeks to provide a new clamp facility, which is essential to the running of the farm.

Although the majority of the farmstead buildings are modern, the farmhouse dates from 17th century and is Grade II listed.

The farm employs several staff at present, including the applicant and his wife, their twin sons and one of the son's partners. Both the applicant's sons have trained at agricultural college and now work full time on the farm.

The proposed building

The proposed silage clamp will be situated adjacent the main cluster of buildings, and especially to the feed station. The silage will be transported from the clamp to the feed station to be mixed with other feedstuff for the goats. The clamp measures 30m x 20m creating 600 sq m of new floorspace. The height to eaves is 10m, which is the requirement for the type of machinery depositing the silage into the clamp. The siting of the clamp is lower than the adjacent yard area ,so a ramp will be made to enable the machinery to access the existing yard.

Appearance

Materials are Eternit profile six cement fibre sheets in natural grey to the roof, with juniper green box profile tin sheets to upper walls and concrete silo wall panels to the sides only.

Scale

The building is in keeping with the existing buildings on the farm, it is taller due to health and safety reasons for a safe working environment, and to accommodate the machinery required for the process. It sits at a lower level than the existing buildings on site, and therefore has a backdrop of the farm, it cannot be seen from any public vantage point.

Access

Access to the building is from the existing farm yard. There is adequate room on site for the turning and manoeuvring of vehicles and room for emergency services within the farm yard if they were ever required on site.