

Design and Access Statement

**In Support of the
Planning Application for**

A new agricultural livestock building

To be located at

**Closes Hall Farm
Stump Cross Lane
Clitheroe
BB7 4LX**

Site

Closes Hall Farm is in the settlement of Bolton by Bowland, to the north of Gisburn. The surrounding landscape consists mostly of agricultural land and other farmsteads.

Amount

Agricultural livestock building is being applied for to be used in conjunction with the applicants existing farm.

Use

The building will be used to house dairy cattle in the 470-strong milking herd, and primarily for the dry cows not actually in milk.

Layout

The building will be straw bedded yards in the bays of the building, with a feed fence to the front, which the cows will feed from.

Scale

The building will measure 30m long x 21.9m x 4.5m to eaves and 7.4m to ridge. A total new floorspace of 657 sq m. The building lies adjacent the existing cluster of buildings at the farm, and is closely linked to them

Landscaping

No landscaping is proposed as the building is well screened by existing natural screening and existing buildings.

Appearance

The building is typical of other buildings on the unit, with modern materials and in the same style.

Access

Access to the building is through the existing yard area.

The Process

The applicant operates a large dairy farm, milking 470 cows x 3 per day plus, in the region of 650 young stock followers in the pedigree Holstein Friesian dairy herd

The farm is in the region of 570 acres, mainly down to grass, and a portion down to cereals. In addition to the dairy cattle there are 1100 breeding ewes on the farm, which employs 4 full time staff.