

Planning Statement

Agricultural Storage Building.

Forty Acre Farm
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Outline Description of the Application

The proposed development is for: a storage building for agricultural machinery and storage of straw and hay.



Background & Reason for Application

The applicant runs an established thriving agricultural business extending to 300 acres of land. The farm consists of a herd of 200 strong dairy cows along with 16,000 free range hens. The New building is required for the undercover storage of hay/straw and for the purposes of storing agricultural machinery which is currently not accommodated for.

Scale

The size of the building results in a total floor space of 363 sqm

Access

Access will be gained via the existing yard which is used frequently by agricultural vehicles. There is adequate room for turning and manoeuvring vehicles, plus access for emergency services if they were ever needed.

No impacts are predicted on the network of public roads or rights of way during the operation of this building, as the current volume of farm traffic will remain the same as previously.

Visual Impact

The design of the proposed building accords with the typical modern agricultural buildings which exist on the site. The scale of the building is appropriate for its use and location within the site and the use of matching materials will allow it to integrate into the surroundings as well as matching that of some of the existing buildings on site. The building is also set down below the backdrop of the existing buildings.

Conclusion

The approval of this application will provide much needed upgraded facilities for this agricultural farmstead. The surrounding landscape is that of established farmland, and the new building will not cause any significant visual impacts.

The building does not adversely affect the integrity, character and value of the local landscape. All agricultural works on site can be carried out without prejudice to any local public highway.