

Design and Access Statement

Proposal: AGRICULTURAL LIVESTOCK BUILDING

Site Address: FAIRCLOUGH BARN, LOUD SCALES, CHIPPING
PR3 2NX

Location

1. The site is at Fairclough Barn, Loud Scales, Chipping and comprises 77 acres (30.9 Ha) in a ring fence at the site (50 acres of which is rented on a long term tenancy agreement)

Background

The farm comprises 77 acres (30.9Ha) All the land is down to grass, and the applicant intends to manage the grassland by making hay off approximately 24 acres, and also has 100 breeding ewes and up to 60 beef fattening cattle at various ages.

There are two existing buildings on site to serve the land, which are for storage of machinery hay and equipment

The Proposal

One new cattle building is proposed in which to house the beef cattle over winter, and to provide indoor lambing facilities for the breeding ewes

The building will sit in the paddock adjacent the house, with associated yard area for access.

Materials will be of traditional type for this sort of rural agricultural development, and will be in tanalized timber Yorkshire boards, with concrete panels to the lower walls, and natural grey cement fibre roof, with GRP rooflights

The Process

The land is all agricultural land, and is all down to grass approximately 24 acres will be used for making hay each season. The remainder will provide grazing for the beef cattle and sheep.

The animals will be kept on straw bedding, which will be used on the land as fertilizer in the normal manner

Summary

The proposal is an additional building to provide housing for an existing herd of beef store cattle on the farm. The applicant has been buying in calves and young stock to form a new beef enterprise of up to 60 head of beef cattle of various ages. These cattle require winter housing. The buying and selling of beef store cattle largely rely on market trends, so some cattle will be kept for 36 months (finished weight) and some will be sold at a younger age to go on to be fattened elsewhere. In addition, the applicant has a flock of 100 breeding ewes which require indoor accommodation during lambing season, and area within tot building is to provide this. There are many other occasions when sheep require under cover shelter (see separate sheep welfare documents)

Conclusion

In summary, the proposal relates to an agricultural development located in a rural area that would be of benefit to the local rural economy. Subject to appropriate conditions, the landscape and visual effects of the development are of an acceptable level so as to conserve the natural beauty of the landscape. As such, it is requested that the application be approved.