

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR AGRICULTURAL APPLICATIONS



Ribble Valley Borough Council

Applicant Name: **Mr C. Middleton**

Application Site: **Little Mitton Hall Farm, Mitton Road, Mitton,
Clitheroe, BB7 9PQ**

Holding Number: **21/118/0013**

Proposed Development: **Canopy to cover Midden Area**

Please answer all parts to this form

1. Land

Total Area of Holding: (Hectares) 234.24 hectares

Owned: (Hectares) 72.84 hectares

Rented: (Hectares) 161.40 hectares

If rented, type of tenancy: A.H.A. 1986 Tenancies and A.T.A 1995 Tenancies (secure)

Land Use: (Hectares) Grassland : 213.20 hectares

Crops : 0.00 hectares

Woodland: 21.04 hectares

Land Quality: (DA/SDA/NVZ) : Non Disadvantaged, Outside the NVZ

2. Enterprise

Dairy Cows: 206

Sheep (ewes): 120 Ewes

Dairy cattle in calf: 70

Other Sheep (lambs): 190

Beef Cows: None

Location of Lambing: Little Mitton Hall Farm

Bulls: 1

Sows: None

Cattle (Young Stock): 110

Other Pigs: None

Poultry: None

Other Livestock: None

Crops (Type): None

3. Farm Buildings & Machinery

Existing Farm Buildings: (sizes, type and use)

A range of traditional and modern farm buildings, used for the housing of cattle, and the storage of agricultural consumables.

Also provide secure storage for agricultural vehicles and implements.

Farm Machinery: (type and use)

The farm utilizes tractors and grassland cultivation implements, principally tractor drawn and tractor propelled. Mowers, Forage Harvesters, Silage Trailers, Slurry Tankers, Livestock Trailers etc.

Existing Slurry Capacity:

The Applicants have two tower slurry stores, with an overall capacity of 680,000 gallons (3,091 cubic metres). They also have a slurry reception tank with a capacity of 40,000 gallons (182 cubic metres)

When cattle are housed within the livestock housing during the winter months, slurry is produced and held in the reception tank until pumped into the tower storage, and spread to land by an umbilical system as ground and water conditions allow.

4. Details of the proposed development

Is the proposal reasonably required for the purposes of agriculture? (Please explain why?)

The canopy proposed is required for the purposes of effectively managing the potential contaminants at the farm, by separating clean rainwater from the livestock manures, therefore reducing the volume of effluent material to be handled.

Is the proposed development designed for the purposes of agriculture? (Please explain how?)

The proposed canopy structure is designed to prevent rainfall from mixing with the stored livestock manures, and to reduce the volume of potential contaminants upon the farm. It has low retaining walls at the Northern and Southern aspects to prevent spillage of manures into the farmyard areas and is open fronted to the Western aspect to allow access by agricultural machinery and loaders.

Are there any future plans that are relevant to the proposed development? (Expansion of herd, farm diversification etc?)

There are no current plans to further expand farming operations at Little Mitton Hall Farm. The proposed structure is a measure to control and reduce effluents at the farm.

5. Any Further Information

The canopy structure is anticipated to allow the effective control and reduction of the amount of livestock manure waste at the farm, by separating clean rainwater from the livestock manures produced as an integral part of the livestock rearing operation. The development is part funded by a Capital Grant under the DEFRA Countryside Stewardship Scheme, and the proposal has been inspected and approved by the DEFRA Catchment Sensitive Farming Officer (CSFO) and the Environment Agency