

Planning Statement

In Support of a Prior Notice Application for

**A new agricultural Livestock Building at
Blackmoss Farm, Elmridge, Chipping PR3
2NY**

Mr William Hornby

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Amount

One new agricultural building is being applied for measuring 52.8m in length x 18.2m in width x 4.5m to eaves and 7.1m to ridge, giving a total new floor area of 960.9 sq m, the building is located to the south west of the existing range of buildings, well linked to all the other buildings on site.

Use

The proposal is an additional building to provide housing for calves reared on the farm. The applicant has recently taken over the farm, which has a dairy herd of 250 milk cows.

The proposed building is to house calves born on the unit which are destined to enter the dairy herd. The dairy herd, which was bought with the farm did not consist of any dairy calves, but the intended system is to breed and rear replacements for the herd, and the proposed building is to accommodate these animals.

The building will be purpose built, state of the art calf accommodation, complying with the Red Tractor, Farm assurance and DEFRA codes of conduct for the keeping of dairy cattle, addressing space allowance, feed areas, loafing areas and ventilation requirements.

Layout

The proposed building will provide loose housing for the cattle on straw yards with a feed passage under the eaves building, where a tractor will deposit the feed. In addition there will be individual pens for new born calves fed milk in buckets

Scale

The building is in keeping with the existing buildings on site and is designed taking into account animal welfare codes of conduct for spacing allowances as advised by DEFRA.

Appearance

Roof: Anthracite coloured metal sheets to match existing buildings on site

Walls – Tanalized Timber Yorkshire Boards and Pre-Cast Concrete Panels, and juniper green curtains (temperature controlled)

The Process

The farm is a 400-acre dairy farm, with 250 dairy cows in milk. There are currently only a few calves bred for herd replacements, and it is the intention to rear all dairy calves from the herd to use as herd replacements in a purpose built facility.

Access

Access to the building will be from the existing yard. There is adequate room on site for the turning and maneuvering of emergency vehicles if they were ever needed on site.