



**Little Town Farm  
Thornley  
PR3 2TB**

**Proposed Agricultural  
Building**

**AGRICULTURAL  
STATEMENT**

September 2023

## 1 Agricultural Statement

- 1.1 PGB Architectural Services are retained by Mr & M Forshaw ('the applicant') to prepare drawings and documents sufficient for a prior notification application for:
  - A proposed agricultural building
- 1.2 This information is provided to support a planning application for the erection of an agricultural building.
- 1.3 The building is required to house seasonal agricultural machinery away from the farmyard in a more secure setting.
- 1.4 The proposed 3-bay building will be reclaimed from a 4-bay building to be demolished on the farmyard, freeing up space for improved manoeuvrability.
- 1.5 The farm is owned by the Forshaw family (M & E Forshaw) with the 4th generation now actively involved having studied Agriculture at Reaseheath, Crewe.
- 1.6 The proposed site is owned by the family, as is all the surrounding land to the South East and West, and is situated on the South Eastern side of the existing farmstead adjacent to existing farm buildings on neighbouring farmland.
- 1.7 The proposed building would be accessed along an existing stoned track.
- 1.8 The proposed site is currently occupied by an almost collapsed smaller building.
- 1.9 There have been numerous thefts and break ins from neighbouring farms, and there have been intruders on site on more than one occasion. Siting expensive machinery away from public access will be more secure.
- 1.10 Siting the seasonal machinery away from the core of the farm frees up space for day-to-day use.
- 1.11 The holding extends to approx. 490 acres and has been farmed by the family for 4 generations, having grown steadily over the last 50 years. They have invested heavily in the future of the business to incorporate the latest in technologies and efficiencies to maximise the potential of the operation and its future success.
- 1.12 All milk produced on the unit is processed on site at their own production facility into yogurt, buttermilk, creme fraiche etc. These are supplied into the foodservice market throughout the UK, clients include major names such as Virgin, P & O, CUNARD cruises amongst others. Additional milk is also purchased from other farms to meet current sales requirements.
- 1.13 All the land is down to grazing and the farming enterprise is a combined dairy and beef operation with approx. 470 dairy cattle and 370 beef stock on the unit.