

Prior notification of general purpose storage building for feed and machinery and extension of hardcore track

Land off Longridge Road Hurst Green BB7 9QP

Amount

One agricultural building measuring 13.72m long, 10m wide, 4.6m to eaves, and 6m to the ridge. The building will be adjoining the northern gable end of previously approved building 3/2024/0853. plus, 70m long 3m wide hardcore access track.

Location

The proposed building and track will be on a 32-acre block of grassland located off Longridge Rd, separated from the main farmstead, Grindlestone, by the highway.

Scale/ appearance

The building will be the same size as the building it adjoins. It will have natural grey cement fibre roof sheets, pre-stressed concrete panels at the base of the walls topped off with Yorkshire board cladding.

Use

The building is required to provide dry storage for winter feed produced on this parcel of land. Being able to store hay there will reduce the need to transport feed to Grindlestone for storage and then return back when required for the livestock. There is currently not enough storage at Grindlestone to maintain this. Previously feed has spoiled as a result of being stored outside, we then have to purchase extra bought-in feed to make up for the losses. The proposed building will also be used to store machinery that is used on the land, which is currently stored outside. It is essential that modern agricultural machinery is stored inside and not left out in the open elements, as when left outside the machinery will depreciate considerably in value and cause a lot of water-related damage. As there will be a livestock gathering building on the land, we will need to keep some machinery on site to be able to regularly clean the handling pens out and keep up with routine maintenance of the land. We will be keeping a tractor, JCB telehandler, muck spreader and would also be storing some grassland equipment including mower/topper and fertiliser spreader to use on this land, being able to store this equipment on site undercover will reduce the number of journeys we need to make back and forth. There are currently no storage buildings on this parcel of land hence the need for one. The proposed building will adjoin previously approved livestock building, the livestock building will have fixed cattle and sheep pens and races for handling livestock so won't have any room for storing feed and machinery. The track is required to access the building and land, this will reduce the chance of debris getting onto the lane