

Design & Access Statement – Phase 1

Applicant

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W D & P M Hayhurst & Sons
Wheatley Farm Buildings
Four Acre Lane
Thornley
Longridge
Preston
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Design

The design of the proposed building is of a proprietary design, from a specialist agricultural steel framed building manufacturer for the purpose use of free-range egg production.

The chosen design is in accordance with all up-to-date guidance concerning the housing of poultry, i.e. DEFRA etc.

The proposed building is a conventional state of the art design for modern farming egg production enterprise. The complex is to accommodate 1600 no. chickens with all necessary facilities under one roof. The building is a clear span portal frame structure. Width 16.40m x 60.00m long, nominal 3.35m eaves and 5.56m to the ridge.

The site is within an existing farmyard of mixed farming enterprise, the size of which is nominally 82 hectares ring fenced. The proposal is to accommodate a progressive expansion plan for a traditional family farm enterprise.

The proposed building material is a conventional steel portal frame. The external cladding, roof and walling is box section steel sheeting insulated panels, coloured Juniper Green B.S. 12-B-29. All doors and bob holes clad in steel, coloured to match.

All surface water from the proposed is to be disposed of through existing drainage.

Access

The proposed access to the building will be from a new field track from the existing farmyard. There is no intention for disability access to the site as this is a private working farm with no public access.

Landscaping

A comprehensive landscaping arrangement is proposed. To be finalised later after arrangement with the planning department and the B.N.G consultant.