

Supporting Statement
for

An application to concrete an area of yard for the
separation of clean and dirty water.

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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This statement supports an application for concreting an area of farm yard at Higher Greenhead Farm on behalf of Edward Thornber. The application should be read together with the accompanying plans and documents.

2 The Property and Site

- 2.1 Higher Greenhead Farm is located east of the A59 approximately 800m from Sawley village. The farm curtilage is the easternmost unit within a cluster of farm and residential properties. The site is located outside the Forest of Bowland National Landscape (FoBNL). The surrounding countryside is characterised by open grassland with hedgerow boundaries and stone walls with scattered wooded parcels.
- 2.2 Higher Greenhead Farm extends to 85.8ha of grassland along with a substantial range of farm buildings which accommodate the dairy herd and youngstock.
- 2.3 An area of the yard is a hardcore surface which does not allow efficient cleaning. Machinery and animals travel across the yard to access the adjoining pasture and meadow land. Consequently there is a risk that surface water from this area will run-off to watercourses.
- 2.4 The farm lies in a Catchment Sensitive Framing priority area for water quality. Capital grant support is given to farmers to improve outdoor (uncovered) yard drainage to reduce run off by making cleaning easier and reduce the risk of water pollution.

3 Proposed development

- 3.1 The proposal works include concreting an area to the north of the farmstead which will allow stock and machinery to access grassland parcels and be cleaned efficiently.
- 3.2 The area extends to 570m² and will be concreted to the specification laid down by the Rural Payments Agency (RP15).

4 Conclusion

- 4.1 The proposed works are supported by the government to improve the environment. The works will not impact the character of the surrounding area. Neighbour amenity is unaffected.
- 4.2 The proposed works are congruent with both National and Local Planning Policy. The works will reduce the risk of pollution to watercourses.
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