

Design and Access Statement

**In support of a Planning Application for
New dairy cattle housing and covered feed
yard for cattle**

**Hole House Farm
Billington
Clitheroe
BB7 9ny**

Messers Vickery



Appearance

One building to provide both dairy cattle cubicle housing and a feed yard for cattle is being applied for. This is to enable the applicant to provide new cubicles in line with DEFRA guidance for the cows and to reduce dirty water run off from the yard area and the potential to cause pollution. The existing cattle housing is outdated and inadequate for modern farming practice.

Landscaping

No landscaping is proposed

Use

The proposal is to provide housing for dairy cattle in cubicles, and an undercover feed area adjacent to the cubicles.

Layout

The building is adjacent the existing range of farm buildings, to the north of the existing yard and measures 42.6m in length and 24m in width , giving a total new floor area of 1022.4 sq m

Scale

The scale of the building is necessary to house the existing livestock on the farm. It provides 90 cubicle spaces for the milking herd and is a replacement of the old cubicles house which no longer provides adequate space allowance for the cattle. The old cow kennels will ultimately be removed, but for the foreseeable future they will be used for the younger cattle.

Access

Access to the building is from the adjacent yard area, from a private track off Whalley Road. There is adequate room for manovering emergency vehicles if they were ever needed on site.

The Process

The farm is a 170 acre dairy and sheep farm, with a herd of 100 dairy cattle and followers, and a flock of 450 breeding ewes. All the land is down to grass. In addition a further 130 acres is rented on a seasonal licence providing grazing in summer.

Mr Vickery and his son work full time on the farm, and they hope to increase the herd to 150 milk cows in the future by increasing the number of new heifers into the herd. This will secure the future of the herd, and provide employment for both father and son on the unit.