

# Planning Application for agricultural building

Bridge End Farm  
Wood House Lane  
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**Planning Statement**  
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# 1 Site Description & Development Proposal

1.1 Bridge End Farm is a traditional holding with house and barns which has been recently purchased by the Applicants who now want to develop their farming enterprise on the site. Currently there are no modern livestock housing facilities and therefore the application is being made to build a modern farm building. This will enable sheep and cattle to be housed over the winter period to improve their welfare and will provide a specialist maternity ward for lambing.

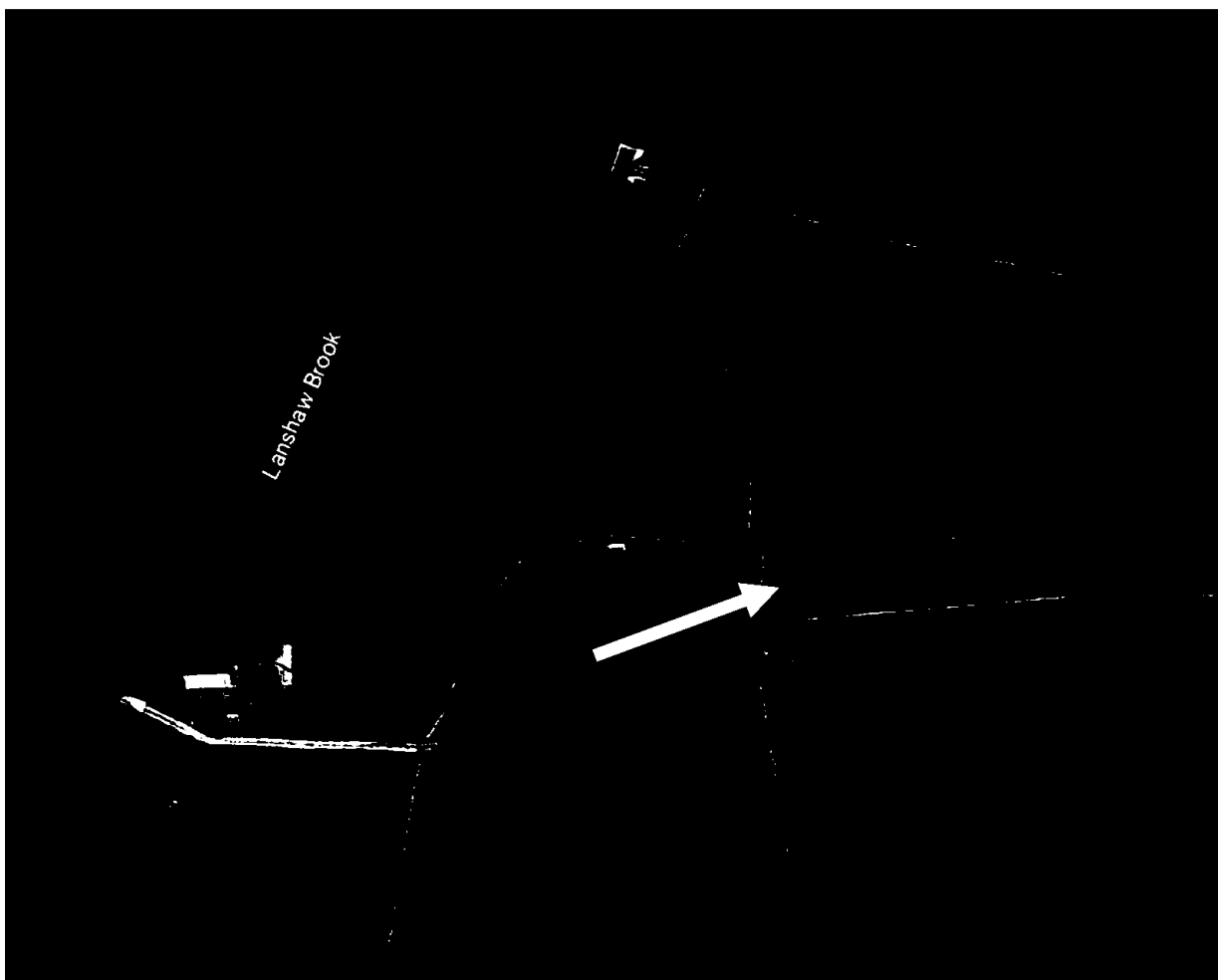


Fig. 1 Proposed Site



Fig. 2 Proposed site photo

- 1.2 The new building will measure 473m<sup>2</sup>. This will be 18.29m in width and 25.91m in length with an eave height of 4.5m. The proposed materials are to be FRC roofing sheets, and precast concrete panels with timber board cladding above. The building will have one roof light per bay per side.
- 1.3 The proposed building is to be built in the chosen location to reduce the visual impact on the farmhouse and surrounding properties.

## 2 Need for Development

- 2.1 The farm currently stocks 4 Aberdeen Angus heifers (photos of cattle passports attached) that are currently c.12 months old and will be put to an Angus bull next spring to calve in the following winter. The intention of the Applicant is to increase the numbers of their Pedigree herd registered with the Aberdeen Angus Cattle Society under 'Fauber Laithe'. The Applicant also proposes to buy in a minimum of 50 head of cattle at the age of 14-16 weeks old and would fatten these until 24 months. This production cycle would continue on a biennial basis. However, the growth of these enterprises is not currently possible as there are not appropriate housing facilities available to ensure welfare standards could be maintained through the seasons.

2.2 The farm also stocks 12 Zwartable gimmer lambs which will go to the tup in November and will lamb the following April. Supplementary feeding these sheep outside can cause damage to the land during wet conditions. By housing the ewes in January, February and March the diet can be managed better, and the land is also rested in readiness for spring growth. There is also a requirement for indoor housing for these sheep in lambing time. Indoor lambing can offer a heightened level of surveillance and can offer superior welfare. Once the lambs are born, they can remain in the facility until they are around 48 hours old at which point they will be robust enough to go out onto the pasture. The applicant would also like to increase these numbers once appropriate housing and lambing facilities are created through the erection of the proposed building.



Fig. 3 Aberdeen Angus Cattle & Zwartable Gimmers

2.3 As with any farming enterprise there is a requirement for storage. The proposed building will also be used for storage of feed, straw and animal sundries.

### 3 Previous Application

3.1 The applicant has previously made an application to the council under reference 3/2023/0260. In the Officers Report it was advised that the siting and appearance of the building would detract from Bridge End Farm and the surrounding area. The proposed siting and design of the building has been selected to protect the curtilage and setting of Bridge End Farm and to ensure

that the surrounding landscape is not impacted. The design is more appropriate for the intended purpose of hosing livestock.

3.2 The current use of the land includes grazing by the cattle and sheep as detailed at 2.1 and 2.2. The holding is made up of pasture used for grazing only and 15 acres of meadow which is cut and made into silage bales. Alongside grazing, the land is managed by mechanical operations including rolling, chain harrowing, fertilising and muck spreading. All of this is done using the applicant's own machinery and implements.



Fig. 4 Land and silage bales made summer 2023

3.3 The primary keeper of the livestock will be [REDACTED] alongside her partner [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] has a vast experience of farming, [REDACTED] and progressing to keeping her own stock. [REDACTED] has hands on experience of calving, rearing calves, lambing, administering vaccinations to livestock alongside other animal husbandry tasks such as foot bathing, dipping, feeding and preparing stock for sale. [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] will be working on the farm as many hours are required depending on the farming season, anywhere from full time to long part time hours.

## 4 Conclusion

4.1 Bridge End Farm is an appropriately sized holding to support the existing and proposed enterprises. The site is well managed as can be seen from the

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supporting images, and the proposed building will allow this farming enterprise to become more viable. It is necessary for the efficient functioning of the enterprises to have a livestock housing facility. The siting seeks to minimise the visual impact of the new building by siting it away from the farmhouse and behind the field walls. The materials and scale are appropriate for the site and surrounding area to minimise any visual impact.

### Cattle Passports for Aberdeen Angus Cattle

**Cattle Passport**  
**Pasport Gwartheg**

Breed /Brd: **ABERDEEN ANGUS**  
Sex /Rhyw: **FEMALE**  
Born /Ganwyd: **28 06 2022**  
Genetic Dam /Mam Enedig: **UK124278409134**  
Sire /Tad: **UK562106303213**

Issue Date /Dyddiad cyhoeddi: **03 07 2022** Version /Fersiwn: **01**

**Movement history / Hanes Symud**

Location /Lleoliad: **487180106** Date on /Dyddiad cyhoeddi: **28 06 2022** Date off /Dyddiad ymadawiad:

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**Death details / Manylion y farwolaeth**

Date of DEATH / Dyddiad y FARWOLAETH: [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] Signature /Llofnod: [Signature]

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**Cattle Passport**  
**Pasport Gwartheg**

Breed /Brd: **ABERDEEN ANGUS**  
Sex /Rhyw: **FEMALE**  
Born /Ganwyd: **06 10 2022**  
Genetic Dam /Mam Enedig: **UK124271001166**  
Sire /Tad: **UK109126200200**

Issue Date /Dyddiad cyhoeddi: **17 10 2022** Version /Fersiwn: **01**

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**Cattle Passport**  
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Breed /Brd: **ABERDEEN ANGUS**  
Sex /Rhyw: **FEMALE**  
Born /Ganwyd: **12 08 2022**  
Genetic Dam /Mam Enedig: **UK124270600115**  
Sire /Tad: **UK562106303213**

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**Cattle Passport**  
**Pasport Gwartheg**

Breed /Brd: **ABERDEEN ANGUS**  
Sex /Rhyw: **FEMALE**  
Born /Ganwyd: **04 08 2022**  
Genetic Dam /Mam Enedig: **UK124276200153**  
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