Design and Access Statement

Woodcombe Farm, Brixton Deverill

Erection of multi purpose agricultural building

The Application is for the erection of a steel portal framed agricultural building for the housing of cattle and storage of grain. The building is sited centrally within the main farm yard at Woodcombe Farm and is of typical agricultural design similar to that of the buildings around it. Being portal frame with box profile steel cladding and concrete panels to the elevations, under a fibre cerement roof.

The building has been designed to provide cattle housing and grain storage that are compliant with current farm assurance standards. It is important that cattle are housed in a healthy, safe environment for the animals and farmer alike. Allowing ease of feeding, bedding down and safe access for modern farm machinery. The building will have 60% dedicated to all year round cattle housing. The other 40% is primarily designed to allow for grain storage at harvest time, to allow a safe, dry, vermin free area to tip grain as it comes off the field at harvest. This part of the building will allow Mr Allard to store grain for longer in an ideal environment but also once it has been removed, the building will be suitable for additional cattle housing in the winter.

The building is sited against the existing slurry storage at the farm yard so any scrapings from the feed passage will go straight into the existing slurry store. There will be no outside feed area so slurry will be minimal, and the bedding will be loose housing, bedded on straw.

The site has been chosen because it is within the existing farm building which will screen it from the north and south. The area is already stoned farm yard used to park machinery. Access will be taken from the track that serves the existing farm yard.

The farm business currently extends to 670 acres and approximately 200 head of cattle, with 300 acres of arable and the rest pasture and grazing land. The additional building will allow a small increase in cattle numbers but mainly serve enhance what is already being done, providing an ideal environment to house and store what is already be produced.

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