DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT FOR A PROPOSED AGRICULTURAL BUILDING FOR THE STORAGE OF FARM MANURE PRIOR TO SPREADING ON THE APPLICANT'S FARMLAND AS FERTILIZER FOR ARABLE CROPS AT CAPPS LANE FARM, CAPPS LANE, HEYWOOD, WESTBURY, BA13 4NE FOR P AND J AWDRY AND SON

Capps Lane Farm is an existing organic beef cattle rearing enterprise. For much of the year these animals are housed in a large agricultural building on the farm.

Defra require animal waste/manure to be stored in a building before spreading on farmland. If manure is stored uncovered, it generates leachate which can enter ditches, streams and other water courses. This is detrimental to the environment and can lead to Environment Agency investigations resulting in heavy fine for offenders.

There is an existing 40,000 litre storage tank for rainwater at the farm, which will receive all the surface water from the proposed agricultural building. This will be reused for various purposes on the farm.

The materials to be used in the proposed building reflect those used on existing agricultural buildings at the farm.

Landscaping will be carried out in the form of new indigenous species hedgerows as shown on the accompanying block plan.

The existing access onto the highway will remain unchanged

This proposal concurs with the Wiltshire Core Strategy and the NPPF.