

AGRICULTURAL SUPPORTING STATEMENT

**Parsloe Farm,
Rodbourne, Malmesbury,
Wiltshire SN16 0EU
On behalf of Mr J Vincent**

1. Proposed silage building

Parsloe Farm is a conventional dairy farm with around 250 cows yielding around 1.7 million litres per year. The total farm is approximately 350 acres (grass and arable). Mr Vincent who farms in partnership with his farther

The current silage clamps are not covered by a permanent structure (photograph below). It is proposed to erect the shed in the existing farmyard to cover the existing silage clamps.

The shed has been endorsed by Natural England and the Catchment Sensitive Farming officer by the granting of a Countryside Stewardship Scheme. The cost of the shed will be partially covered by grant funding.

Under the Countryside Stewardship Scheme it confirms by Rural Payments Agency (Natural England) that the new *“roofing will reduce water pollution by preventing rainfall from getting into slurry and silage stores”*. There is a wider benefit to the environment as a result of this application being permitted.

2. Silage shed location

The proposed location of the shed has been chosen to provide for the most effective means of storage. The proposal is located at the existing silage clamps, not within the vicinity or views of neighbouring residential properties and is set back from the main road.

The site is not designated within Flood Risk Zone 2 or 3. There are no know public rights of way within the vicinity of the proposal.

Below is a photo of the existing site without the silage clamp being covered.



3. Character, Design and Scale

The proposed store is located for practical purposes – where the existing clamp is currently stored. The shed will be 36.75 metres by 24.40 metres. The height of the shed will be 8 metres to the ridge and 11.34 metres to the eaves. The proposed shed is 891.82 square metres.

4. Materials

Three sides of the building will be cladded with part Yorkshire boarding and part concrete panels. The roof will be cladded with natural grey fibre cement sheets.

5. Access

No new access is required. No additional traffic will result due to the proposal.

6. National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

The NPPF supports development in the countryside. NPPF Section 6 giving significant weight to support economic growth and productivity taking into account both local business needs and wider opportunities. The proposal will allow for increased productivity, help boost this business and local rural businesses.

7. Wiltshire Core Strategy (Adopted January 2015)

Core Policy 51 Landscape

Development should protect, conserve and where possible enhance landscape character and must not have a harmful impact upon landscape character, while any negative impacts must be mitigated as far as possible through sensitive design and landscape measures. Proposals should be informed by and sympathetic to the distinctive character areas identified in the relevant Landscape Character Assessment(s) and any other relevant assessments and studies. In particular, proposals will need to demonstrate that the following aspects of landscape character have been conserved and where possible enhanced through sensitive design, landscape mitigation and enhancement measures:

The proposed site for a building is adjacent and connecting an existing agricultural building minimising the land lost and minimising the impact on the local landscape.

Core Policy 62 – Development

Impacts on the Transport Network Developments should provide appropriate mitigating measures to offset any adverse impacts on the transport network at both the construction and operational stages.

The access to the farmyard is deemed safe and is regularly used daily. The proposal will not increase traffic onto the existing highway.

8. Conclusion

The proposed application does not result in any harm to the surrounding area due to its location, design and materials proposed. The application itself is supported by the NPPF and Environmental Government agencies. We therefore see no reason why approval should not be granted.