

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

**PROPOSED NEW MILKING FACILITY FOR THE DAIRY HERD TO REPLACE
THE AGING MILKING FACILITY**

FOR

MANOR FARM PARTNERS

AT

**MANOR FARM
UPTON LOVELL
WARMINSTER
WILTSHIRE
BA12 OJN**

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1.0 Introduction

1.1 This information supports a 28 day prior notification application for a proposed building of a replacement Milking Facility at Manor Farm, Upton Lovell, Warminster, Wiltshire, BA12 0JN.

1.2 The existing Milking Parlour is over 20 years old and is becoming high maintenance and financially and operationally in need of replacement. In order to provide a New Milking Facility that is suitable for the next 20 years or so, a new building with a new rotary parlour is proposed on the site shown on the Location Plan. A replacement parlour cannot be fitted in the existing building, as the existing milking parlour needs to continue to operate, whilst a replacement is being built. A building suitable for the replacement rotary milking parlour is proposed to the west of the existing parlour.

1.3 The new Milking Facility will allow efficient and comfortable milking of the dairy herd, ensuring that the cows are not away from their feed and bedded area for long hours of the day, which will help ensure high levels of cow welfare, allowing long lying times, access to feed and minimising the risk of foot damage. The facility will include an outside collecting area and dispersal area, for cows to enter and exit the new milking facility.

1.4 The application is made by Manor Farm Partners, Manor Farm, Upton Lovell, Warminster, BA12 0JN.

2.0 The Proposal of the new Milking Facility

2.1 The proposal is for the construction of a New Milking Facility building, to west of the existing Milking Facility.

3.0 Siting the Proposed new Milking Facility

3.1 The proposed site selection is based on a number of factors, that are favourable for the environment, efficient farm operations and the effective access for cows and machinery to the milking facility.

3.2 The siting of the proposed new Milking Facility is adjacent to the existing cow housing and milking facilities and will be positioned so that cows and machinery can access the facility with ease. Some excavation of levels will be required, mainly for the collecting and dispersal areas. All excavated material will be kept on site. The site is well screened by existing trees, hedges and existing farm buildings.

4.0 Archaeology – Written Scheme of Investigation

4.1 Previous recent Prior Approval applications around the farm buildings have required archaeological monitoring whilst the site is stripped. An Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation has been submitted with this application, in anticipation of it's requirement by Wiltshire Council.

5.0 Conclusion

5.1 The proposed New Milking Facility is required to replace the existing aging inefficient milking facility. There is an agricultural need for the proposed New Milking Facility, both financially, operationally and to ensure the highest levels of dairy cow welfare. The proposed will be well screened by existing trees, hedges, topography and existing farm buildings, minimising the visual impact. The proposed site is more than 400m from the curtilage of a protected building and the

proposal is appropriate for a permitted development application, as detailed in paragraph A.1 of Schedule 2, Part 6, Class A of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended).