

Hobbs Copse Farm is situated in Sherfield English Road, North of the A36 in Landford, 100m from the Wiltshire border with Hampshire. It is a small farm which currently produces a haylage crop each year, and periodically the fields are rented out for the grazing of sheep, cattle and horses. The applicant would like to have the facility to harvest hay and store it in the barn in the future.

The addition of a barn for storage would enable hay storage and also be a place to store farm implements and machinery while they are not being used, as there is nowhere at present suitable for this purpose.

The barn is to be constructed of a metal frame, filled in with concrete panels and tantalised castle boarding, which is in keeping with a number of barns on the surrounding farms. The roof will be concrete sheeting with 10 roof lights.

The proposed field for the barn to be build has a slight slope to it, allowing water to drain freely into the drains which traverse beneath Sherfield English Road into the tributary of the Blackwater River situated in the next field.

The barn will be serviced by the hardstanding already in use for the entrance from Sherfield English Road.

As the barn is to be constructed within 2 metres of an existing field hedge, it will provide protection for the wildlife which lives in the hedge, without disturbing the occupants.

The project is barely visible from Sherfield English Road as the property has field hedges above the road along its boundary, and will have minimal visual impact on the surrounding area and those using the road.