

DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

Proposed replacement agricultural building

Thorn Head Farm, Tom Thorn, Buxton.

1 Introduction

- 1.1 This statement is submitted in support of the demolition of three agricultural buildings in poor repair, and the construction of a single replacement agricultural building at Thorn Head Farm, Tom Thorn, Buxton.
- 1.2 This application has been submitted by David Sutherland Architects on behalf of Mr. Robert Hadfield.

2 Application site

- 2.1 Thorn Head Farm is a small agricultural holding of 10 acres to the north of Buxton, in the open countryside, on the west side of the A6.
- 2.2 The site is also used as the operating centre for RM Haulage though that use is unrelated to the current proposal.

3 The Proposed Development

- 3.1 The proposed building will be used for the same purpose as the existing buildings – to store agricultural equipment and machinery used in connection with Thorn Head Farm.
- 3.2 It is proposed to demolish three grouped, smaller buildings identified on drawing 1732/01, and replace them with a single, portal framed building in the same position. The main building of the existing group is in particularly poor condition and its replacement is considered to be a more practical solution than repair.
- 3.3 The three buildings to be demolished are:-

Building 1 – a concrete framed building, clad in corrugated asbestos sheeting with concrete block walls to lower levels.

Building 2; to the south of the main building - a single storey portacabin construction.

Building 3; to the west of the main building - a single storey, rendered block building.

- 3.4 The proposed replacement building will be a steel; portal framed construction, clad and roofed with brown profiled steel sheeting with pebbledash rendered blockwork at low level, all to match the existing office building used by the haulage business, on the site.
- 3.5 The combined floor area of the buildings to be demolished is 235m². The floor area of the proposed building is 250m² – a small net increase of 15m².

4 Access

- 4.1 The existing access to the site will be retained, unaltered.
- 4.2 Designated parking spaces for the building have not been provided as the building will be used for storage only, and none are required.

5 Summary

- 5.1 The proposed replacement building is only marginally larger than those which are to be replaced. It will improve the appearance of the site, and will provide a weather-proof enclosure for the storage of agricultural equipment.
- 5.2 I believe that the proposal is beneficial to the appearance and functioning of Thorn Head Farm, and that approval of this application should be granted.

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