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Design & Access Statement

Proposal:

Agricultural building to cover an existing silage store

Site Reference:

Daisymere Farm, Redgap Lane, Fairfield, SK17 7JE

Character appraisal

This statement has been produced in support of a prior notification application for a covered silage clamp (Phase 2).

This holding is located east of Fairfield in a rural area. The land and buildings are being used for fundamental agricultural processes. This holding extends to approximately 150 acres. This farmland is currently used to rear cattle and to produce fodder. The field boundaries in this area comprise of stonewalls.

Amount of development

The applicant wishes to erect a steel framed agricultural building to cover an existing silage store. The floor area created by this development will be 193.85m². The floor area of this building will be of an open plan type design and the existing walls of the silage clamp will remain in place.

The steelwork of the existing concrete panels is not sufficient enough to support extension and the cover building, therefore the cover building will be wider than the existing clamp.

This proposal will assist the farm to be economically viable and more environmentally friendly, reducing diffuse water run off significantly.

Use of proposed building

The proposal is to provide a roof over an existing silage store. It is part of a two-phase development to cover both silage stores. Phase 1 is currently under construction.

This building will prevent rain accessing the remaining silage store and therefore significantly reduce the amount of diffuse water run-off from the site thus helping prevent any diffuse pollution issues.

This building will ensure good farm/stock management with easily maintained clean and hygienic conditions. This building will ensure a good strong future for his business.

Siting

This proposed steel framed building is positioned over the existing silage store as indicated on drawing No. 1145-002.

We feel this building has been positioned in the most practical location.

The existing silage store floor level and surrounding area will remain as the existing.

Scale

The applicant wishes to erect a steel framed agricultural building 18.288m long x 10.60m wide x 5.48m high to eaves level.

This eaves height will allow a machine to roll and compact the silage.

We feel the scale and appearance of this building is appropriate for the site and will match that of the approved building on Application HPK/2021/0043.

Landscaping

The applicant proposes a landscaping scheme to cover this application and condition 4 of the above-named application. The applicant is happy to carry out any additional landscaping scheme specified by yourselves in order to protect the amenities of the site and the area.

Any trees planted will be fenced from livestock and will be protected by either spiral-type rabbit guards with canes or Netlon mesh-type guards including canes.

A circle of 1 metre around the base of each tree shall be kept weed free for a period of at least 2 years.

Any trees that die, become seriously damaged or diseased will be replaced by trees of similar size, unless there is reason to believe that the original species chosen was unsuitable for the site, in which case an alternative appropriate species will be used.

All planting would be carried out in the first planting season following the construction of the building.

Trees will be provided in accordance with BS 3936 and planting to be in accordance with BS 4428.

Appearance

As indicated on drawing No. 1145-003 this building will incorporate a Natural coloured fibre cement sheeted roof.

Vertical cladding down to eaves level only to be box profile steel sheeting coloured Juniper Green (12B29) on the west gable and down to the concrete panels on the remaining elevations. All roof joints will be made good with matching barge board.

The existing concrete panels of the silage clamp will remain in place.

Along both sides of the building will be 160mm half round black PVC gutters complete with 110mm diameter black PVC rainwater piping to terminate at ground level with a shoe.

We feel these materials will blend into the existing landscape without having an adverse effect.

This building has been designed in accordance with B.S. 5502.

Access

Access to the building will be from existing vehicular roadways to and around the holding. The applicant does not seek to increase the number of roadways.

Access can be gained to this holding from Redgap Lane, Fairfield.

There will be no impact on the access to the site and vehicle impact to the surrounding area will be unaltered.