

Access and Design Statement in Respect of Planning Application for an Agricultural Building by Tom Pears of Bramble Cottage Farm, Bank House Lane, Thurlstone, Sheffield, South Yorkshire S36 9QA

The Farm

Bramble Cottage Farm extends to 10½ acres, which is a little over 4 hectares. Its holding number which is the governments reference number (CPH) is 47/727/0310

The Applicant

Tom Pears currently works as a Farrier, attending to horses throughout his local area. He has always had an interest in local Agriculture and Rural Affairs generally. At Bramble Cottage Farm he now recognises an opportunity to further add to the local rural economy by expanding his interest into rare livestock breeds. Upwards of 10 cattle and 25 sheep will be kept on the farm. One particular rare breed, the Penistone sheep also known as White Faced Woodland, will take pride of place within his new venture and will be clearly visible in his fields to ramblers as they walk along the local spur of the Pennine Trail. Rare Black Leghorn Poultry can already be seen on his farm along with several Aberdeen Angus livestock.

The proposed Building

The proposed agriculture building is required to serve as a winter shelter for the animals and also as a vital store for provender such as hay and general animal feeds and also storage of farm equipment.

The building will be of traditional pole barn construction with Yorkshire weather board cladding and green steel profile roof sheets. The existing trees adjacent to the site serve to ensure that there will be no visual impact from the North. Given that the site of the proposed building nestles in a hill side hollow below the public foot path to the South the visual impact from that direction will be quite minimal.

The venture will bring a degree of benefit to the rural economy but perhaps more importantly it will add fascinating interest to visitors to the area as they pass along the public right of way adjacent to the fields of rare breed animals.