

Supporting Statement.

This is a Planning Application for an Agricultural Building, at Upper Woodroyd Farm, Hog Close Lane, Hepworth, Holmfirth HD9 7TE.

The applicants are Mr. & Mrs. Michael Saxton.

Existing Property.

Upper Wood Royd Farm House was listed in July 1983 - (Listing Number 1151103)

The farm house was built in 1806 and is a double fronted house built in stone with mullion windows and a stone slate roof.

There is a date stone over the central doorway.

The applicants have owned the property for approximately two years. When they took over the farm it had been empty for a number of years and was in a very poor state of repair.

The farm occupies eight acres of grassland for grazing sheep.

The land is located between Hog Close Lane and Lower Maythorn Lane and has a registered holding number: 47-741-0222

Upper Woodroyd Farm was once part of a larger concern which included Lower Woodroyd Farm and surrounding land.

The barn originally serving Upper Woodroyd Farm was situated across Hogg Close Lane, this was sold off and is now a residential property.

Proposal.

The proposed agricultural building will be situated to the rear of the farm house, and will allow the applicants to care for and increase their flock of sheep.

There are currently 15 ewes on the land all in lamb.

Over the summer months this will increase to around 50.

The applicants also own eight acres of land at Saddleworth, which they use for sheep and grass management.

The proposed building will provide dry and secure storage for agricultural vehicles, implements, feed stock and as a temporary shelter for sick animals, and birthing at lambing time.

Design and Materials.

The proposal is a standard portal frame building constructed to BS 5520.

The elevations will be clad in dark green box profile sheeting above concrete block work. (The sheeting has been chosen over timber for its longevity and security.)

The roof covering would be fibre cement sheeting with roof lights and ridge vents, as typically used on agricultural buildings.

Planning.

The location, size and design of the building has been considered to minimise the visual impact on the landscape, while allowing the land to continue being used for sheep rearing.

There is an existing gate into the field that would allow safe all year round access to the building. The building would also sit sympathetically in line with a neighbouring agricultural building situated to the west, across Hog Close Lane.

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