Planning Statement – agricultural building at Baggerwood Farm

The proposed building will be used to house livestock and for general purpose storage. The 25 acres of land is used for fundamental agricultural purposes. The farmland is used to rear livestock and produces fodder. The building is required to house the currently growing 30+ sheep flock and 5 cow herd, 3 of which are in calf again as we look to grow this herd further. The Suffolk sheep & Hereford cows (both traditional breeds to Britain) require shelter over the winter months especially around lambing and calving times and will be constructed specific to their needs/wellbeing. The building will ensure good farm /stock management with easily maintained clean and hygienic conditions. The housing facilities are currently inadequate and the new building is essential to the livestock as there is currently insufficient space to house the animals needed to graze the 25 acres of land nor does the existing building suit the modern methods of farming. The new building will also be used to store Heston bales of straw and hay, both produced off our land. Enabling them to be stored in the building will reduce the use of plastics creating a more environmentally friendly holding. This building will provide storage for the farm machinery and protect them from the exposed elements. It will provide shelter to mend and maintain this machinery and restrict the view of them reducing the chance of them being stolen.
We believe this building will also assist the farm to be economically viable.
We also feel the siting of the proposed building is for ease of the farming process and positioned in the most practical location making use of the existing access. The new building will be sympathetic in appearance and in keeping with the surroundings.
We are planning to plant trees and hedging plants both behind the proposed building and within the 25 acres of farmland that the building will sit in. Any tress planted will be fenced from livestock and will be protected. Planting will commence autumn 2021.