

Proposed Agricultural Livestock Building

Bagger Wood Road, Hood Green for Richard Lea

Statement in support of the application

Recent difficulties in the dairy industry, problems in obtaining and retaining skilled labour and falling profit margins have sadly led to ceasing milk production. The emphasis moving to forming a beef fattening unit and enlarging the sheep flock to provide for an increasing market for fat lambs has resulted in the need to provide further stock housing.

A large part of the holding comprises of steep gradients providing limited areas suitable to erect buildings whilst avoiding major excavation and levelling.

After careful study the most suitable land is sited fronting onto Bagger Wood Road, Hood Green which enjoys a gated entrance. To improve this access it is intended to provide stock proof fencing either side of the entrance extending into the field by 10 metres. This would enable livestock vehicles to drive onto this entrance clear of the highway minimising disruption to vehicular traffic using Bagger Wood Road. It is intended to provide access to the field by either a steel galvanised field gate or the provision of a suitable stock proof cattle grid.

The building would be constructed in traditional manner and materials. 7 bay steel portal frame building, concrete panels 2 metres high with Yorkshire Boarding up to the eaves and dark brown modular plastic faced steel roof sheeting. All surface water to be taken to existing land drainage system.

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