Application for prior approval for an Agricultural Hay/Straw Barn

1.0 - Introduction

The following document outlines plans to erect a 120ft x 40ft x 16ft (36.19m x 12.46m x 4.87m) agricultural hay/straw shed for use as part of the expanding farming business, A. Sadowski & Sons. The building will fit in with the other associated farm yard buildings on the site. The agricultural holding (business) farms over 5ha as stipulated by Class A of Part 6 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015.

2.0 - Site Location - (**site plan attached)**

52°57'40"N 2°54'46"W

2.1 - Classification of the closet road

Classification: Neither M, A, B or C - over 25 meters from road (**USRN:** 46900520

3.0 - Description of proposed building

The proposed structure measures 120ft x 40ft x 16ft (36.19m x 12.46m x 4.87m) and will be used to store hay and straw. The shed is to be made from a No.6 x 20ft bays which are steel frame with a pitched roof. The roof material is grey profile 6 fibre cement corrugated sheets. The sides are to be clad from eaves to the top of the concrete panels in olive green box profile to blend in with the general countryside and match existing farm sheds on the site. The front side (Yard) will be left open to allow loading and unloading of straw.

The proposed shed DOES NOT require an electrical or water connection as it is to be used for straw and hay bales.

3.1 - Why is it needed for the farming business?

The farming business has bought an additional 90 acres and is expanding its cropping area. Currently, there is not enough storage for straw/hay, and No. 2 x lorry trailers are being rented as interim storage (See images attached). The additional straw storage will allow the applicant to store the additional capacity from the additional acreage as well as reduce crop wasteage.

By storing more of their own straw/hay, the applicant is therefore less reliant on imported fodder during the winter months allowing which has reached peak prices in recent years due to bad weather. This yard is used to store all straw/hay and farm machinery.

The proposed dimensions will provide storage for approximately 700 bales. Based on a straw yield of 1.25Tones/acre x 90 acres = 112 Tons (Average bale ~200kg) = 560 bales.

Each bay will hold around 100 bales x No.6 bays = 600 bale storage capacity.

3.2 - What is it going to be used for?

Storage of Hay and Straw

3.3 - Why have we chosen that location for the proposed shed?

This is where we store all hay, straw and farm machinery. The proposed shed location fits within the farm yard well from an operational perspective.

The proposed location is over 400m away from any listed building and will have no impact as screened from any road and local properties.

3.4 - Why this size?

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4.0 - Proposed Elevations for the Shed

See attached plans and elevations

5.0 - Summary

We believe the proposed plans for an agricultrual straw/hay storage shed meet the requirements as per Class A of Part 6 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015. The proposed development is vital to the farm business to keep up with growth demands to ensure a viable, long-term security.

The appropriate fee has been included along with this prior approval application.