

Mr N Beardmore
New Hall Farm
Bronnington
SY13 3HE
18th August 2011

Below I have included additional information as requested by Wrexham CBC, in support of the application.

1. **The extent of the holding.** New Hall Farm consists of 30 hectares (appendix 1 shows the land farmed). The farming operation includes 35 suckler cows and their progeny which are reared on the farm. Some additional calves are also reared on average total stock numbers are 80 head per year for all age categories.
2. The Farm is in a **Nitrate Vulnerable Zone** – This requires reduction in slurry production OR facilities to store slurry for five months. An alternative is to have animals bedded in loose yards which create Farm Yard Manure. This does not need to be stored. Currently the cows are housed in 'kennel' or cubicle style building which creates slurry. This building is also old and in a state of disrepair. The proposed new building will replace this and will also meet the future NVZ requirement.
3. **Existing Planning.** The current farm buildings are located on the north side of the road along with the farmhouse. Planning has been granted to convert the farm buildings into accommodation. The development and or replacement of the existing buildings would have a significant impact on the development plans hence the choice of a new building south of the road in this application.
4. **Animal Welfare.** The current buildings used are very poor for modern farming. Ventilation is very poor and operations are difficult due to access - this is highlighted by Mr K Senior Veterinary Surgeon in his letter – see appendix 2. The proposed building is specifically designed for housing cattle of varying ages in a loose yard system (i.e. no slurry production and animals bedded on straw). Ventilation is vastly improved due to the building design and animals feed along a purpose built feed fence with easy and quick access for tractors. This makes the whole farming operation more efficient and welfare friendly – in turn this reduces any impact on neighbours and the community.
5. **Alternative Location.** The only other site which would accommodate the new building would be in the paddock to the south of the farm. This takes the development closer to the neighbouring houses and would require diverting the footpath. The proposed building would need to be adjacent to the road and might have a more significant impact than the proposed location. It is also thought that this would have a greater impact on the future development of the existing buildings for residential use.

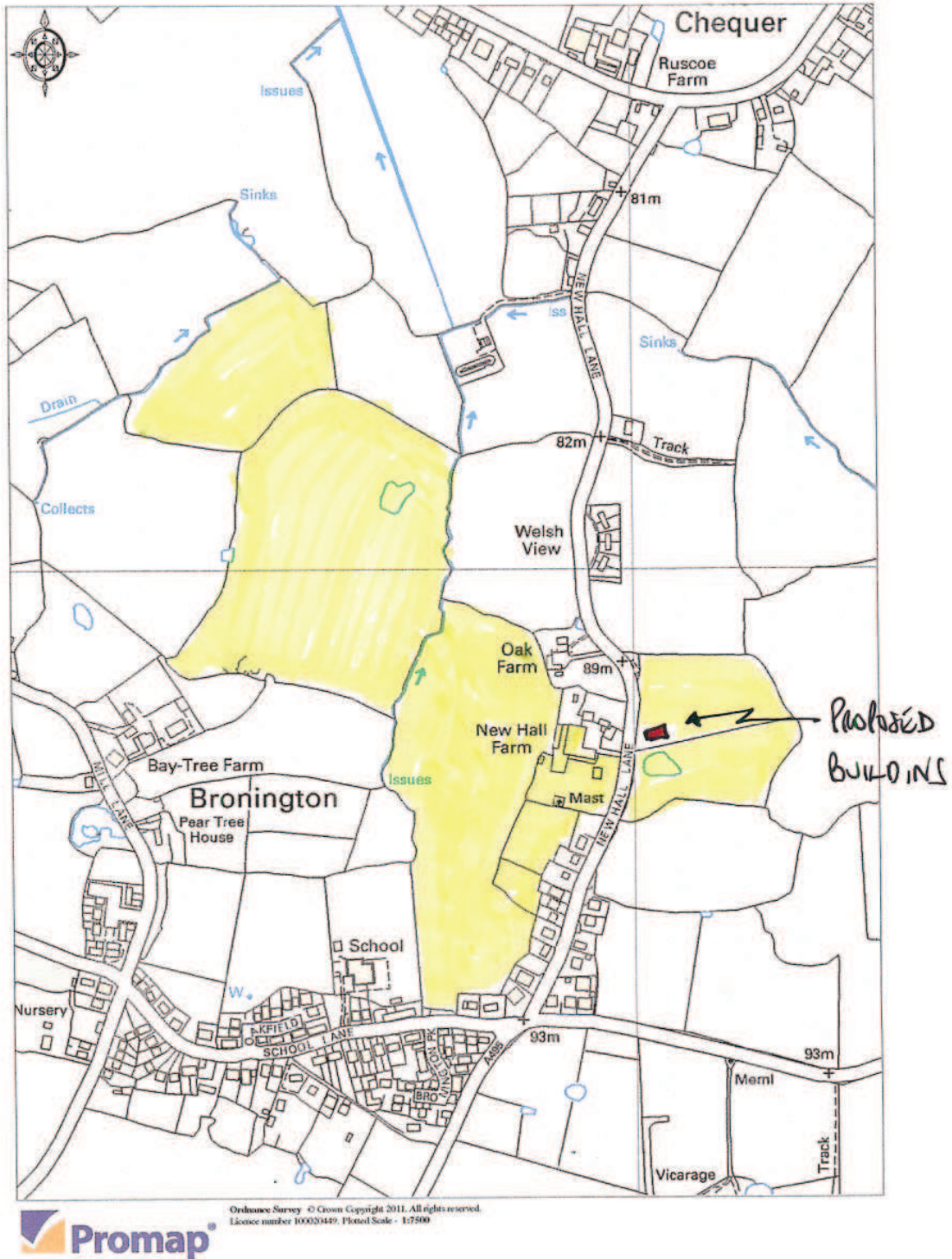
Other locations would involve longer access roads going into Greenfield locations which would be expensive and would probably have the same visual impact concerns. Therefore the proposed location is thought to be the best on balance as it uses existing screening and access.

6. **Footpath** - The proposed location does not (to the best of our knowledge) go anywhere near the footpath which runs in a westerly direction by the pond on the west side of the road. The path is protected by a hedge and vegetation and this will not form any part of the proposed development. (See plan - appendix 3)
7. **Landscaping** – The proposed location would allow for strategic tree planting to the west of the proposed building which would reduce the impact of the building.

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The Planning Officer,
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9th. August, 2011.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Beardmore, of New Hall Farm, Bronington, Whitchurch, has asked for my advice regarding his cattle housing.

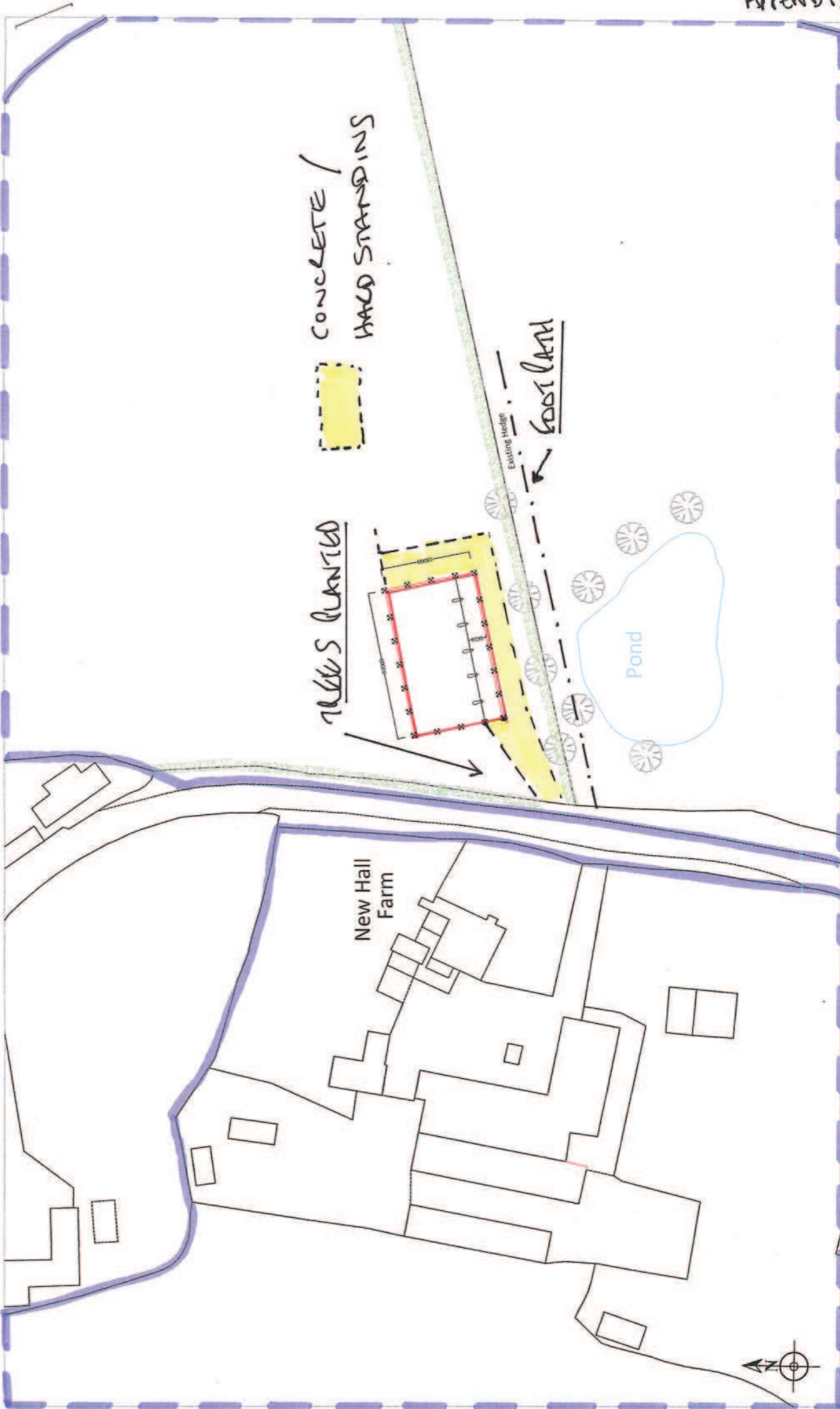
At the moment, his suckler cows and young stock are housed, during the winter, in an old cow shed, which was never intended for loose housing and is quite inadequate for this purpose. There is little or no drainage, the ventilation is poor, and it is very difficult to keep the bedding clean, as access for machinery is very limited. This all makes for a very unhealthy environment for the cattle.

Mr. Beardmore would like to replace this with a wide span steel framed shed with Yorkshire boarded sides which would, I am sure, allow the cattle much improved living conditions. I strongly support this plan on health and welfare grounds.

Yours faithfully,



Keith S. Senior M.R.C.V.S.



General Purpose Cattle Building

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Location Plan

Drawing 1

07/07/2011 Scale 1:1000 on A4