

Planning Statement

Yew Tree Farm
Pen y Cae
Wrexham
LL14 1UW

Erection of an Agricultural Storage Building

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1.0 Introduction

This Planning Statement is prepared and submitted in support of an Agricultural Prior Notification application, submitted under Schedule 2, Part 6 of The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (as amended for Wales).

The statement is designed to aid the Planning Officer in making their recommendation.

2.0 The Site

The application site comprises a total of approximately 464m2 of existing agricultural land adjacent to the farm complex at Yew Tree Farm, Pen y Cae, Wrexham, LL14 1UW ("the Application Site").

At present the application is used for outdoor farm storage of agricultural machinery and implements. The proposed building will be positioned adjacent to an existing agricultural building, to the north-west of the main group of farm buildings. It will sit close to the existing farm complex and form part of the same functional group of buildings, while still allowing enough space for easy access and movement of machinery. The land subject of the prior notification forms part of the agricultural holding run by the Applicant, Mrs Thomas.

3.0 The Proposal

Proposed is the construction of a new agricultural steel-portal framed building to be used for the purposes of agricultural storage.

The proposal will measure approximately 30.5m in length and 15.2m in width; having a resultant floor area of 464m2. The building will be finished externally with concrete lower walls and slate blue box profile cladding with grey fibre cement sheeting on the roof.

The building is required for legitimate agricultural purposes; for the storage of the farm's agricultural machinery, vehicles and implements. As noted, the land subject of the notification is presently used for the open storage of implements and machinery, however to provide better protected from the elements and from theft, a modern storage building is required.

4.0 Assessment

The proposal is assessed against the criteria contained within Schedule 2, Part 6, Class A of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (as amended for Wales), as follows:

Would the development be carried out on a separate parcel of land forming part of the unit which is less than 1 hectare in area?	No
Would it consist of, or include, the erection, extension or alteration of a dwelling?	No
Would it involve the provision of a building, structure or works not designed for agricultural purposes?	No
Would the ground area covered by any works or structure (other than a fence) for accommodating livestock or any plant or machinery arising from engineering operations; or any building erected or extended or altered by virtue of Class A, exceed 465 square metres?	No
Is the building, structure or works within 3km of the perimeter of an aerodrome and over 3m in height?	No
Is any part of the building, structure or works over 12m in height?	No
Are any parts of the development within 25 metres of the metalled part of a trunk or classified road?	No
Would the building, structure or excavation used for the accommodation of livestock, of storage of slurry or sewage sludge be within 400m of the curtilage of a protected building?	No – the building will be for agricultural storage only.
Would the development involve excavations or engineering operations on or over article 1(6) land which are connected with fish farming?	No
Would the works be within 90 metres of another building, structure, works, plant, machinery, ponds or tanks constructed in the last 2 years, and would the combined ground area covered by the works exceed 465sq. meters?	No
Would the development involve the extraction of any mineral from the land (including removal from any disused railway embankment) or the removal of any mineral from a mineral-working deposit?	No
Would the development involve waste materials being brought on to the land from elsewhere for deposit, except for use in works described in Class A(a)?	No
Have any part of the works already started?	No

In light of the above, the development as proposed benefits from permitted development rights, and does not require the benefit of full planning permission. The principle of development on this site is therefore acceptable and not for question.

The proposed building is required in connection with the Applicants' agricultural activities on the land; to store machinery and implements used on the farm. It will not be used for the housing of livestock, nor for the storage of manure/slurry.

Yew Tree Farm comprises an approximately 35-acre agricultural unit comprising a mixed cattle and sheep enterprise. The holding forms part of an established agricultural unit, and the proposed building is necessary to support the ongoing management, upkeep, and improvement of the land.

At present, there is insufficient under-cover storage on the holding, resulting in agricultural equipment being stored externally where it is susceptible to theft and weather-related deterioration. Existing farm buildings are fully utilised and are not suitable for modern storage requirements. There are no alternative vacant or appropriate structures available on site; therefore, the construction of a new agricultural building represents the only practical and viable solution for the farm.

The building as proposed is of typical modern agricultural appearance and will be finished externally with box profiled cladding under a grey fibre cement sheet roof. Such buildings are a common feature of the Wrexham countryside and are to be expected to be present in rural areas of the county borough such as this. The presence of existing agricultural buildings and yards means that the proposed agricultural building is in-keeping with the surrounding rural character and will blend naturally into its setting. Additionally, the building is set back from the road and screened by existing green infrastructure, which reduces its visibility and ensures that the overall visual impact is minor in keeping with the existing farm structures.

The proposed site is already regularly used for agricultural storage purposes. It is not subject to flooding, surface water issues, or the presence of small watercourses. Furthermore, given its location adjacent to the existing working farmyard, the proposed development is not expected to have any adverse impact on local ecology and biodiversity.

The development will not result in the loss or destruction of any existing on-site trees or hedgerows, and there are no protected/designated ecological sites within close proximity.

No changes to the existing highway access are proposed and the proposed development will have no appreciable impact upon traffic movements to/from the application site.

5.0 Conclusion

The development benefits from the permitted development rights as outlined within Schedule 2, Part 6, Class A of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (as amended for Wales).

Furthermore, the development has been appropriately sited and designed so as to avoid any adverse impacts upon the visual amenities of the area and the host landscape. It is therefore respectfully requested that the Local Planning Authority confirms prior approval is not required for the development.