

Ref:- Erection cattle cubicle building extension
Townhead Farm
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Design & Access Statement

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The proposal relates to the erection of a cattle cubicle building extension, to a previously approved cubicle building which is in the process of being erected (4/23/2152/0F1). The farm consists of 175 acres, is a dairy farm, milking a minimum 150 cows, & can rise to 180 depending on calving etc.

It is for the milking cows that the original & proposed building is needed, improving welfare.

In recent years some younger stock have been housed in rented traditional sandstone buildings adjacent the house in the village, but these now have obtained planning approval for conversion & are not now available. Other older heifers have been wintered at a farm near Wobesthwaite but it is more convenient to have all the younger stock at the farm using buildings presently housing the dairy cows during winter. (The younger stock amount to approx 140)

The proposed extension will be 16.4m x 41.15m (674.86m²), it will have an eaves height of 3.66m, & a ridge height of 7.6m (compared to 8.1 on the previously approved building).

An under floor slurry tank, continuous with previously approved, will be connected to existing tanks in the Cow Kennels & subsequent pump system to the main slurry lagoon.

The roof is proposed as 'Big Six' corrugated cement fibre sheet, grey to match previously approved.

The lower sides will be reinforced concrete wall panels, natural colour, & the remaining upper sides will be yorkshire type boarding to N.E. & S.E. elevations, whilst the S.W. elevation will be box profile sheet, matching grey to BS 18.B.25. (Also to the S.W. elevation of the previously approved building, replacing 'Big Six' sheeting because of weight problems - but will be visually more pleasing).

Doors/gates are proposed as galvanised sheet clad.

Access to the farm yard is directly off the highway to the west of the proposed, coloured yellow on site plan, & then cattle access will be directly from cubicles to milking parlour & back.

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