

Ref: Erect cattle cubicle building
Townhead Farm
Netherthorn
Egremont
Cumbria CA22 2UH

'Rockland'
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Design & Access Statement.

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The proposal relates to the erection of a free standing cattle cubicle building adjacent to an existing milking parlour + cow kennel building. The farm consists of 175 acres, is a dairy farm, milking a mm 150 cows, + can rise to 180 depending on calving etc.

It is for the milking cows that the proposed building is needed, improving welfare, + may require an enlargement in the future.

In recent years some younger stock have been housed in rented traditional sandstone buildings adjacent the house within 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 building will be, 41.5m long x 22.0m wide, (905.3 m²). It will have an eaves height of 3.66m + a ridge height of 8.1m, + will house cubicles + feed bay, as well as an under floor slurry tank, connected to the existing tanks in the cow kennels, + subsequent pump system to the main slurry lagoon.

The roof is proposed as 'Big 6' corrugated cement fibre sheet, grey, with optional photo voltaic panels on its south east slope. The No envisaged will depend on cost + feed back tariff, but the applicant is keen to install as many as possible

The lower sides will be reinforced concrete wall panels, natural colour, + the remaining upper sides of 'Big 6' corrugated cement fibre sheet, grey to both gables, + yorkshire type boarding to N.W. side.

Doors/gates are proposed as galvanised sheet clad, but there may be a reduction to the No's that are shown on the S.W. end.

Access to the farm yard is directly off the highway to the west of the building, coloured yellow on site plan, + access to the new building is via an existing gate off the yard, + through/between existing buildings. A public footpath passes alongside the proposed building, between 2 hedges for part of the way, + then through open fields. It is intended to maintain access at all times during construction but for safety reasons, temporary diversion is possible via the yard + gate on the N.W. side of the existing hedge.