

**Town and Country Planning General Permitted Development Order 2015  
Schedule 2, Part 6**

**Statement in support of application for prior notification of proposed agricultural  
building (new grain store)  
Ley-Lands Farm, Middlewood Green, Earl Stonham, Stowmarket IP14 5EY**

A & RL Porch farm a holding of approximately 750 acres of which some 600 acres are cropped, in addition to which they have recently taken on a contract to farm a further 350 acres. Currently they suffer from a deficit of storage, notwithstanding the extra contracted land. Their existing and resulting need is for an additional 2,000 tonnes of grain storage and more undercover protection for machinery and equipment at Ley-Lands farm.

Accordingly, two separate buildings are proposed in order to address the above need: firstly a grain store measuring 18m x 30m x 6.7m to the eaves (the same eaves height as the existing modern store), and secondly, an open-fronted building measuring 20m x 19.5m depth to house the machinery and equipment.

The total floorspace created by the two buildings will be 930 square metres, well within the limit of 1,000 square metres under which the buildings qualify as permitted development and can benefit from the Prior Notification procedure. However, they need to be submitted as separate Notifications.

This Notification relates to the proposed grain store which will be sited alongside the rear (south elevation) of the existing, open-fronted storage building (see photograph on the following page which also shows the existing crop store in the background). It will be accessed through roller shutter doors in the western end via the existing yard.

There is no proposal to have fixed fan drying equipment.

The external wall and roof claddings will match those on the existing modern store, such that the new grain store which will have walls clad in olive green plastisol-coated steel sheets above grain walls comprising concrete panels. The roof sheets will be fibre cement sheets left in their Natural Grey colour.

