

**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 machinery and equipment store)  
Ley-Lands Farm, Middlewood Green, Earl Stonahm, Stowmarket IP14 5EY**

A & R L 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 19.7m 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 machinery and equipment store which will be sited in an unused gap between the existing open-fronted storage building and the eastern boundary of the farmyard (see photograph on the following page which also shows the existing 4m tall conifer hedge on the boundary to Leys Farmhouse, a property owned by the Applicants). It will be accessed from the north as per the existing storage building from which it will be separated by a gap two metres, leaving a minimum gap of 1.5 metres to the eastern boundary, next to the rear corner of the new building. It will have an asymmetric roof with an eaves height of 5.7m at the front corners and 4.2m at the rear corners.

The side and rear walls will be clad to ground level in olive green plastisol-coated steel sheets and the roof sheets will be fibre cement sheets left in their Natural Grey colour.

