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Application under Class A, Part 6, Schedule 2 of the 2015 GPDO – the erection of a general purpose agricultural building at Grove Shute Farm, Tadhil, Leigh Upon Mendip, Radstock, BA3 5QT.

Back ground of the farming business

Grove Shute Farm is a 330 acre mixed farming enterprise belonging to the applicants Jane and Nick Hiscox; the farm produces a range of cereal crops including wheat, barley and maize as well as livestock including beef and sheep.

The decision has been taken to reduce the area of land committed to cereal production and return this land to low intensity pastures and flower meadows; a major factor behind this decision is the fact Grove Shute Farm is mostly 900ft above sea level on the Mendip Hills, the land is rich but not totally suited to the growing of cereal crops that require a more favorable climate, whereas the Mendip Hills have always been associated with livestock farming due to its species rich pastures that thrive on the Mendips. At Grove Shute we keep a herd of Ruby Red Devon beef cattle and a flock of Texel X sheep producing beef and lamb that's processed off site but marketed by ourselves.

Planning History

Planning permission was recently granted under 2020/0758/FUL for the erection of a new livestock building to meet the needs of the agricultural unit by replacing rented buildings no longer available.

Proposal

The proposal is for the erection of a new general purpose building to provide storage facilities for the fodder and bedding for the livestock housed in the recently approved livestock building, the proposed building will also provide secure storage for the farms machinery.

The proposed building is modern by design; it's size and design are similar to that approved under 2020/0758/FUL, with concrete walls and timber cladding to the external elevations and grey fibre cement roof sheets - see library photo below of a similar building.



The building is 33 metres long x 15 metres wide, 4.5 metres high to eaves and 5.5 metres to the ridge line.

Planting and screening

Once completed, the area around the proposed building will be planted with a mixed species countryside hedge in keeping with the 1000 metres of new hedge rows we have planted across the farm between 2019 and 2021.



The proposed location has been chosen due to its proximity to the approved livestock building and so as to allow access from an existing track and highway.

Kind regards

Nick and Jane Hiscox.