

There are several aspects that have been taken into account in the design of this building. These can be split down into these main considerations.

Cost:

The key purpose of this building is to enable us to retain our long standing farm worker whilst enabling us to use this new farm to keep breeding cattle and young stock. To do this effectively the building needs to have a cost which is in line with the profitability of beef production and local agricultural wage levels. This timber mobile home is the cheapest form of accommodation available, a point which is further enhanced by the fact that as a mobile structure it is a tax deductible expense.

Position:

Obviously in order to efficiently and correctly tend to the animals housed in the buildings the new home needs to be as close as reasonably possible to them. Building regulations requires a dwelling to be a minimum of one and a half times the height of an adjacent steel framed building, away from that building in order to be protected from any collapse resulting from a fire. As such we have positioned the home centrally between the two farm buildings. This location should also offer a level of wind protection to the dwelling as it is a very exposed site.

Appearance:

We have chosen to use natural grey / green slate with a terracotta ridge as this is traditional to the area and will match the colour of the 'anthracite' big six fibre cement sheeting used on the adjacent shed rooves. The, dark stained, wooden tongue and groove wall cladding has a very agricultural appearance and will be in keeping with the Yorkshire boarding on the gables of the cattle building next door.

The shape of the structure is very similar to the farm buildings whilst also being of a very traditional design for the area. The height of the home, in particular with its situation between two large agricultural buildings, should ensure that its impact on the surroundings is negligible.

Access:

Access to the dwelling will be along the same hard surfaced track that joins the two farm buildings to the public highway and the other farmland. There is a gravel hard standing in front of the house proposed that should be sufficient to park two vehicles and access for large emergency vehicles should be unimpaired as the layout of the track is such that large farm traffic can easily gain access.

