

## **Design & Access Statement**

### **Existing Grainstore at Holt Farm, Holt End Lane, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 5LF**

This design & access statement has been prepared to accompany a planning application to clad the open bay of the existing grainstore at Holt Farm, and to install a roller shutter door.

#### **Background, Need & Use**

The farm building complex supports an arable farming operation of c. 900 acres.

The grainstore pre-dates the current owner's involvement with the farm. It is not entirely clear why, when the grainstore was built, the final bay was left open, but cladding the bay and installing a further roller shutter door, means it will be able to store grain, in addition to the fertiliser and machinery currently stored there. It also means the machinery and fertiliser will be better protected, both from the weather and from theft.

#### **Layout, Design & Scale**

The layout has been designed such that access can be afforded from the existing concrete pad, as existing.

The design follows the balance of the building, being concrete panel grain walling beneath plastic coated profiled sheeting and a galvanised roller shutter door.

The scale of the proposed development is in keeping with the existing building.

#### **Landscaping**

Landscaping was undertaken when the building was built. No further landscaping is considered necessary now.

#### **Appearance**

The appearance of the proposed door and cladding will be identical to the remainder of the building, and accordingly they fit comfortably in their setting. Identical materials are being proposed, being concrete panel walls beneath plastic-coated profiled sheeting and a galvanised finish to the roller shutter door.