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North Yorkshire Council (Scarborough)  
Planning & Development Control

Harrison Pick Ltd  
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## STATEMENT OF AGRICULTURAL NEED

### ERECTION OF A COVERED MUCK STORE

Dear Sir or Madam,

Please find enclosed an agricultural prior notification for a covered muck store.

This statement has been prepared to illustrate the process that has led to the development proposal and to explain and justify the proposal in a structured way.

This report has been prepared by Sam Harrison of Harrison Pick Ltd. Sam is a Chartered Planner and a Member of the Royal Town Planning Institute (MRTPI). He benefits from 12 years of experience having served with Ian Pick Associates Ltd and currently with Harrison Pick Ltd, with a primary focus on agricultural and rural development.

The proposal pertains to the erection of a building for muck storage at Danebury Manor Farm. The scheme serves multiple environmental and operational purposes, all of which are outlined below.

## Environmental Protection

The primary purpose of the building is to cover and consolidate existing open muck heaps, reducing the risk of contaminating land and water courses. By containing the muck within a purpose-built structure, it minimises dirty water runoff and atmospheric ammonia contribution, issues which are being raised by bodies such as Natural England and the Environment Agency.

The design of the building incorporates the use of a sealed underground containment tank to collect dirty water runoff and a concrete floor with catchment drains to prevent seepage into the surrounding aprons. These measures align with The Water Resources (Control of Pollution) (Silage, Slurry and Agricultural Fuel Oil) (England) Regulations (SSAFO). This process is fully controlled and governed by the EA. Photographs of the existing muck heaps at Danebury Manor Farm can be seen below for reference.





### **Grant Funding**

The project is likely to receive support and funding from the Rural Payments Agency, with any site first being assessed and approved by Natural England. This funding support emphasises the importance in reducing sediment and dirty water runoff to nearby water courses.

### **Operational Efficiency**

Situating the storage building adjacent to the existing livestock units streamlines operations for the farm, reducing the need for transportation and simplifying management. This location preference also ensures minimal disruption to neighbouring residents due to a large separation distance.

By adopting covered storage as best practice, the farm demonstrates a commitment to long-term environmental sustainability and responsible agricultural management.

Overall, the proposed muck storage building represents a proactive and environmentally conscious solution that not only addresses regulatory requirements but also contributes to the farm's operational efficiency and environmental sustainability.

We would contend that the building is demonstrably necessary for the purposes of agriculture.

Kind Regards,

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