

Planning Statement

The tenant farmer currently farms 120 beef suckler cows with calves and followers. With the ever-wetter winters, the farmer (Mr Larwood) needs urgent additional fodder storage to supply the cattle with winter feed over the winter months.

Westup Farm currently only benefits from two agricultural buildings, of which both are livestock buildings, housing the cattle over the winter period. The proposed building will mostly provide crucial fodder storage and some additional machinery storage. Over recent years, the need to house expensive farm machinery close to the main farmstead has become more pressing with break-ins and vandalism on the rise.

The proximity to the other farm buildings provides efficiencies in feeding and will improve husbandry across the herd. Currently Mr Larwood operates the farm individually, therefore Balcombe Estate are keen to assist Mr Larwood and hope the addition of a new fodder/machinery store will improve the farm's profitability and efficiency.

Please see the application for the design specification.