

Planning Statement

PROPOSED FEEDSTOCK HARDSTANDING MANOR HILL FARM, DESFORD

THE PROPOSAL

The proposed development forms a hardstanding for the storage of feedstock which is currently being stored in the same location but on a bare field.

REQUIREMENT

In order to improve the efficiency of the business and reduce waste and potential run off a hardstanding is now required. This will form a storage area with a surface of asphalt with any run off being taken by a ditch to the effluent storage tank.

The farm has over the years diversified into arable contracting and now supplies anaerobic digesters with feedstock in the form of forage crops together with other farm contracting work.

The business employs around 25 full time workers during peak season falling to around 15 people over winter.

National and Local Government policy has sought to encourage the diversification of rural businesses and Manor Hill Farm has been very successful in growing their business and employing skilled workers in this sector.

The feedstock business is a reliable income basis which provides year-round employment.