

AGRICULTURAL JUSTIFICATION

PROPOSED AGRICULTURAL BUILDINGS

AT

HOO HILLS FARM, MARKET BOSWORTH

The below is provided as justification for the additional agricultural building now required at Hoo Hills Farm.

The applicant runs a successful farming business over 4 blocks of land and since the last agricultural building provided in 2021 a further 236 acres of land have been purchased at Appleby Magna. Following the purchase of this land the Newton Burgoland holding does not have sufficient capacity to deal with the increased produce from both Appleby Magna, where there are no buildings, and Hoo Hills. At 450 acres Hoo Hills is the largest holding and therefore it makes economic sense to provide any additional crop storage requirement on this holding as Newton Burgoland is closer to Appleby Magna. The farm at Hoo Hills is a mixture of combinable crops and grassland.

As has been reported in the press recently, farming is undergoing significant pressures in terms of increases in costs coupled with falling commodity process. The Prime Minister in his recent food conference has highlighted the need for planning consents to assist in the requirements for farming businesses to thrive and the applicants are seeking crop storage to allow the more efficient and profitable sale of crops throughout the year. The limited available buildings on site at present restrict the ability of the farm to operate efficiently and protect crops and machinery.

There is a genuine need for an agricultural building for this established farming business with over 790 acres farmed within the locality to allow for the continued growth of the business.