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Havant District Council

Dear Sir/Madam,

Mr D Jones
West Jay House
107 Havant Road
Hayling Island
Hampshire
PO11 0LE

Design and Access Statement:

This letter accompanies the Planning Application for a 4-bay agricultural barn.

As agents for the owners – Mr D Jones – we would ask you to consider the following:

The existing property has substantial land at the rear which will benefit from a machinery store for various agricultural vehicles used within the site.

The proposed building will enhance the appearance of the site being an oak framed traditional barn with a footprint of 12356mm wide x 6725mm deep and a ridge height of 5600mm. The building is of traditional oak frame construction using traditional joinery techniques including mortice and tennon joints and hand cut curved braces. The outside of the garage is clad in heavy duty (nominally 200mm X 47mm) natural finish feathered softwood cladding mounted horizontally – samples of which can be provided. The proposed roof covering is a clay tile to match the existing house.

There is no application to put in foul water drainage

The location of the building is approximately 36 metres from the existing property.

With the majority of the oak joinery work being carried out off site at our mill in the New Forest the time for site related construction is a minimum, usually not exceeding 6 weeks from start of groundworks to tiling completion. This includes a period of inactivity on site following the groundwork completion and measurement whilst the oak is being cut.

No changes are proposed to the access points from the property to the highway for pedestrians or vehicles. The existing drive will be modified as it passes over the garden curtilge to allow access to the front of the barn.

Design Statement:

The design features of the patented jointing system developed by Oakcraft allows the overall height of the building to be kept to a minimum,

The choice of traditional oak framed construction was decided upon because of:

- the natural beauty of the traditional oak
- the maximising of the bay width possible with an oak frame
- the lack of maintenance required for oak compared with other methods of construction
- the way the timbers used in the barn will allow it to blend in with its surroundings
- The oak used by Oakcraft at Holmsley Mill is part of the sustainable forestry scheme. As such the choice of this form of construction is more in harmony with the environment than the more common forms of brick and cement construction

If we can provide any further details or material samples please do not hesitate to contact us

Yours sincerely

Jason Smith
Works Manager