

Design and Access Statement

The proposed site for the new barn is situated within the complex of farm buildings at Northney Farm. The proposed building would be adjacent to a much larger/taller building used for storing straw. To the south of the site is an area used to store grass silage bales. These, along with hedges and trees planted over the past four years, greatly screen the site.

The proposed building is necessary for the overwintering of cattle. All the cattle at Northney Farm are overwintered inside. This is for reasons of animal welfare and the good management of the grassland. Without the proposed building, animals would be housed in conditions that are unacceptable to present welfare regulations .

The design of the building would provide the right amount of protection from rain, snow etc. as well as good ventilation which is vital for animal welfare. The building has been designed so that cattle can be fed easily and their bedding kept in good order.

As set out in the Northney and Tye Village Design Statement, Northney Farm is a key element in maintaining the rural nature of Northney. The construction of the barn will enable us to keep our farming enterprises of running a dairy herd and keeping a few beef animals in good order for the future.

