

DELEGATED DECISION OFFICER REPORT

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Application: 21/00550/AGRIC **Town / Parish:** Great Bentley Parish Council

Applicant: Mr G Wright

Address: Admirals Farm Heckfords Road Great Bentley

Development: Proposed erection of an agricultural building. (Height: 5.60 Metres, Length: 24.40 Metres.)

1. Town / Parish Council

No comments received

2. Consultation Responses

No comments received

3. Planning History

91/00781/FUL	Siting of residential caravan (for agricultural worker).	Approved	14.08.1991
03/02191/AGRIC	New grain and potato store	Determination	20.12.2003
05/01509/FUL	Installation of 20m monopole incorporating 3 No. DBDP antennas, 4 No. 600mm dishes, 6 pack cabinet arrangement and ancillary cabling and equipment.	Approved	07.03.2006
06/00052/AGRIC	Erection of new grain and potato store.	Determination	17.02.2006
08/00272/FUL	To install a 22.5m pole with 6 antennas, ground based equipment cabinets and ancillary development.	Refused	28.04.2008
08/00829/FUL	Extension of two existing farm buildings for storage use.	Approved	17.07.2008
15/01250/AGRIC	Proposed steel framed agricultural building.	Determination	14.09.2015
16/01724/FUL	The installation of an 18m lattice tower, 6 No. microwave dishes, 2	Approved	08.12.2016

	No. equipment cabinets, along with ancillary works.		
18/01173/AGRIC	Proposed build of general purpose agricultural building.	Determination	09.08.2018
18/01174/AGRIC	Proposed build of general purpose agricultural building behind existing store.	Determination	09.08.2018
18/01638/FUL	Proposed lean to off existing agricultural building.	Approved	22.11.2018
21/00219/DETAIL	Variation of Condition 1 (Approved Plans) of Approved Planning Permission ref: 16/01912/DETAIL (Proposed erection of 50 dwellings, garages and associated works). Variation to include the moving of LEAP (Locally Equipped Area of Play) within the site	Current	
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4. Relevant Policies / Government Guidance

The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended)

5. Officer Appraisal

Class A – agricultural development on units of 5 hectares or more

A. The carrying out on agricultural land comprised in an agricultural unit of 5 hectares or more in area of –

- (a) works for the erection, extension or alteration of a building; or
- (b) any excavation or engineering operations,

which are reasonably necessary for the purposes of agriculture within that unit.

A.1 Development is not permitted by Class A if –

- (a) the development would be carried out on a separate parcel of land forming part of the unit which is less than 1 hectare in area;

The development would not be carried out on a separate parcel of land forming part of the unit which is less than 1 hectare in area. **The proposal complies.**

- (b) it would consist of the erection or extension of any agricultural building on an established agricultural unit (as defined in paragraph X of Part 3 of this Schedule) where development under Class Q or S of Part 3 (changes of use) of this Schedule has been carried out within a period of 10 years ending with the date on which development under Class A(a) begins;

The proposal would not consist of the erection of any agricultural building on an established agricultural unit where development under Class Q or S of Part 3 (changes of use) of this

Schedule has been carried out within a period of 10 years ending with the date on which development under Class A(a) begins. **The proposal complies.**

- (c) it would consist of, or include, the erection, extension or alteration of a dwelling;

The proposal would not consist of, or include, the erection, extension or alteration of a dwelling. **The proposal complies.**

- (d) it would involve the provision of a building, structure or works not designed for agricultural purposes;

The proposal would not involve the provision of a building, structure or works not designed for agricultural purposes. **The proposal complies.**

- (e) the ground area which would be covered by –

- i) any works or structure (other than a fence) for accommodating livestock or any plant or machinery arising from engineering operations; or
- (ii) any building erected or extended or altered by virtue of Class A, would exceed 1,000 square metres, calculated as described in paragraph D.1(2)(a) of this Part;

The ground area would not be covered by any works or structure (other than a fence) for accommodating livestock or any plant or machinery arising from engineering operations. The ground area would be covered by any building erected or extended or altered by virtue of Class A. At 219sqm this building would not exceed 1,000 square metres, calculated as described in paragraph D.1(2)(a) of this Part. **The proposal complies.**

- (f) the height of any part of any building, structure or works within 3 kilometres of the perimeter of an aerodrome would exceed 3 metres;

No part of any building, structure or works is within 3 kilometres of the perimeter of an aerodrome. **Not applicable.**

- (g) the height of any part of any building, structure or works not within 3 kilometres of the perimeter of an aerodrome would exceed 12 metres;

At 6.6m, the height of any part of any building, structure or works more than 3 kilometres of the perimeter of an aerodrome would not exceed 12 metres. **The proposal complies.**

- (h) any part of the development would be within 25 metres of a metalled part of a trunk road or classified road;

No part of the development would be within 25 metres of a metalled part of a trunk road or classified road. **The proposal complies.**

- (i) it would consist of, or include, the erection or construction of, or the carrying out of any works to, a building, structure or an excavation used or to be used for the accommodation of livestock or for the storage of slurry or sewage sludge where the building, structure or excavation is, or would be, within 400 metres of the curtilage of a protected building;

The development would consist of the erection of a building, the building would not be used for the accommodation of livestock or for the storage of slurry or sewage sludge where the building, structure or excavation is, or would be, within 400 metres of the curtilage of a protected building. **The proposal complies.**

- (j) it would involve excavations or engineering operations on or over article 2(4) land which are connected with fish farming; or

It would not involve excavations or engineering operations on or over article 2(4) land which are connected with fish farming. **The proposal complies.**

- (k) any building for storing fuel for or waste from a biomass boiler or an anaerobic digestion system –
- (i) would be used for storing waste not produced by that boiler or system or for storing fuel not produced on land within the unit; or
 - (ii) is or would be within 400 metres of the curtilage of a protected building.

The use of the proposed building is not for storing fuel for or waste from a biomass boiler or an anaerobic digestion system. **The proposal complies.**

Conditions

A.2—(1) Development is permitted by Class A subject to the following conditions –

- (a) where development is carried out within 400 metres of the curtilage of a protected building, any building, structure, excavation or works resulting from the development are not used for the accommodation of livestock except in the circumstances described in paragraph D.1(3) of this Part or for the storage of slurry or sewage sludge, for housing a biomass boiler or an anaerobic digestion system, for storage of fuel or waste from that boiler or system, or for housing a hydro-turbine;

Development is not being carried out within 400 metres of the curtilage of a protected building. **Condition A.2 (1) (a) is met.**

- (b) where the development involves -

- (i) the extraction of any mineral from the land (including removal from any disused railway embankment); or
- (ii) the removal of any mineral from a mineral-working deposit,

the mineral is not moved off the unit;

The development does not involve the extraction of any mineral from the land or the removal of any mineral from a mineral-working deposit. **Condition A.2 (1) (b) is met.**

- (c) waste materials are not brought on to the land from elsewhere for deposit except for use in works described in Class A(a) or in the provision of a hard surface and any materials so brought are incorporated forthwith into the building or works in question.

The development would not necessitate the requirement for waste materials brought on to the land from elsewhere for deposit except for use in works described in Class A(a) or in the provision of a hard surface and any materials so brought are incorporated forthwith into the building or works in question. **Condition A.2 (1) (c) is met.**

- (2) Subject to sub-paragraph (3), development consisting of –

- (a) the erection, extension or alteration of a building;
- (b) the formation or alteration of a private way;
- (c) the carrying out of excavations or the deposit of waste material (where the relevant area, as defined in paragraph D.1(4) of this Part, exceeds 0.5 hectares); or
- (d) the placing or assembly of a tank in any waters,

is permitted by Class A subject to the following conditions –

- (i) the developer must, before beginning the development, apply to the local planning authority for a determination as to whether the prior approval of the authority will be required as to the siting, design and external appearance of the building, the siting and means of construction of the private way, the siting of the excavation or deposit or the siting and appearance of the tank, as the case may be;

The proposal is situated over 430m from the main road and would be attached to two existing agricultural buildings with its left flank facing the road. Overall the significant distance ensures that the building would not be highly visible from Heckfords Road. The proposal will therefore assimilate well within its surroundings and it will not create negative impact upon the surrounding area. The proposed building comprises a typical modern agricultural building measuring 9m x 24.4m giving it a floor area of 219.6m. The building will abutt an existing neighbouring building to the east and has a maximum height of 6.6m (to ridge) and 5.6m (to eaves). It will be constructed of a steel frame with a 0.8m brick plinth to its base. The walls comprise profiled insulated composite panel vertical sheeting coloured to match existing buildings. Vertical glazed units will be inserted into cladding on both western and eastern elevations (where the building protrudes to the north of the existing building). A steel personnel door is located at first floor level on the eastern elevation with metal stairs leading up to it from the ground. The building's main entrance is on the southern elevation where a galvanized roller shutter door is proposed with a steel personnel door to the east. Roof cladding comprises profiled insulated composite panel roof sheeting, coloured to match existing buildings. Internally the building will have a mezzanine level comprising hot & cold rolled floor beams and 38mm chipboard. In short, the building has a simple, rectangular form and is finished with materials suitable to the proposed agricultural use and appropriate to the context of the Site. The external finishes would allow the building to rest well within its setting. The prior approval as to the siting, design and external appearance of the building is not required.

- (ii) the application must be accompanied by a written description of the proposed development and of the materials to be used and a plan indicating the site together with any fee required to be paid;

The application is accompanied by a written description of the proposed development and of the materials to be used, contained within the responses to Question(s) 4 and 5 on the application form and within the accompanying Planning Statement. Site and Block Plans received 24th March 2021 indicates the site and the fee was paid on the 24th March 2021.

- (iii) the development must not begin before the occurrence of one of the following
 - (aa) the receipt by the applicant from the local planning authority of a written notice of their determination that such prior approval is not required;
 - (bb) where the local planning authority give the applicant notice within 28 days following the date of receiving the applicant's application of their determination that such prior approval is required, the giving of such approval; or
 - (cc) the expiry of 28 days following the date on which the application under subparagraph (2)(ii) was received by the local planning authority without the local planning authority making any determination as to whether such approval is required or notifying the applicant of their determination;

The local planning authority will be notifying the applicant of the determination prior to the expiry of 28 days following the date on which the application under subparagraph (2)(ii) was received by the local planning authority.

- (iv) where the local planning authority give the applicant notice that such prior approval is required, the applicant must
 - (aa) display a site notice by site display on or near the land on which the proposed development is to be carried out, leaving the notice in position for not less than 21 days in the period of 28 days from the date on which the local planning authority gave the notice to the applicant; and

- (bb) where the site notice is, without any fault or intention of the applicant, removed, obscured or defaced before the period of 21 days referred to in subparagraph (iv)(aa) has elapsed, the applicant is treated as having complied with the requirements of that sub-paragraph if the applicant has taken reasonable steps for protection of the notice and, if need be, its replacement;

Not applicable; the prior approval is not required.

- (v) the development must, except to the extent that the local planning authority otherwise agree in writing, be carried out
 - (aa) where prior approval is required, in accordance with the details approved;
 - (bb) where prior approval is not required, in accordance with the details submitted with the application; and

Not applicable; the prior approval is not required.

- (vi) the development must be carried out –
 - (aa) where approval has been given by the local planning authority, within a period of 5 years from the date on which approval was given;
 - (bb) in any other case, within a period of 5 years from the date on which the local planning authority were given the information referred to in paragraph (d)(ii).
- (3) The conditions in sub-paragraph (2) do not apply to the extension or alteration of a building if the building is not on article 2(4) land except in the case of a significant extension or a significant alteration.
- (4) Development consisting of the significant extension or the significant alteration of a building may only be carried out once by virtue of Class A(a).
- (5) Where development consists of works for the erection, significant extension or significant alteration of a building and
 - (a) the use of the building or extension for the purposes of agriculture within the unit permanently ceases within 10 years from the date on which the development was substantially completed; and
 - (b) planning permission has not been granted on an application, or has not been deemed to be granted under Part 3 of the Act, for development for purposes other than agriculture, within 3 years from the date on which the use of the building or extension for the purposes of agriculture within the unit permanently ceased,

then, unless the local planning authority have otherwise agreed in writing, the building or, in the case of development consisting of an extension, the extension, must be removed from the land and the land must, so far as is practicable, be restored to its condition before the development took place, or to such condition as may have been agreed in writing between the local planning authority and the developer.

- (6) Where an appeal has been made, under the Act, in relation to an application for development described in sub-paragraph (5)(b), within the period described in that paragraph, that period is extended until the appeal is finally determined or withdrawn.
- (7) Where development is permitted by Class A(a), within 7 days of the date on which the development is substantially completed, the developer must notify the local planning authority in writing of that fact.

6. Recommendation

Determination prior approval not required

7. Conditions

- 1 The development must, except to the extent that the local planning authority otherwise agree in writing, be carried out where prior approval is not required, in accordance with the details submitted with the application.
- 2 The development must be carried out, where approval has been given by the local planning authority, within a period of 5 years from the date on which approval was given

8. Informatives

Are there any letters to be sent to applicant / agent with the decision?		NO
Are there any third parties to be informed of the decision?		NO