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Design and Access Statement

Up until 2012 Church Farm was a working dairy farm with approximately 400 milking cows plus approximately 200 followers and due to the downturn in the dairy industry the cows were sold and the main dairy buildings converted to house bed and breakfast pigs.

The buildings house 2000 pigs and a batch is housed for 10 weeks before the sheds are mucked out and a new batch brought in.

Other buildings are used for winter housing 100 suckler cows and general purpose stores for machinery.

The livestock produce significant quantities of farmyard manure which is currently stockpiled on the site of the proposed new manure store and in various fields around the farm within the national park area until crop and ground conditions allow it to be spread.

Manure stored outside captures rainfall and this has the potential to create effluent run off which is a pollution risk to nearby watercourses and as such endorsements for the building of the store have been received from the Environment Agency, Natural England and the local Catchment Sensitive Farming Officer.

The proposed manure store will have an impermeable concrete floor and a roof and guttering to ensure that rainwater is captured and diverted away from the manure significantly reducing the potential for effluent run off and pollution of nearby watercourses.

The proposed building is within the area of the current farmstead and its use will not generate any additional traffic although there is an argument however that the amount of traffic to empty the store will be reduced as the manure taken from the store will be drier.

The site does not involve public access.

Consultations regarding the proposed development have taken place with the Environment Agency, Natural England and the local Catchment Sensitive Farming Officer all of whom have endorsed the design and siting of the proposed development.

