

# Statement of Agricultural Need

**This statement will be used to assess any application that relates to agricultural development. This includes the need for new agricultural buildings in the countryside relating to animals or crops/horticulture or any associated infrastructure with an agricultural business. Not all the questions in this statement will require an answer as it will depend on the development applied for. Please answer these questions as full as you can.**

Location and description of proposed development

Description of the current landholding – this should be supplemented with a plan.

To include:

- Size of Agricultural Holding (including holding number where possible)
- An indication of land in applicants ownership
- An indication of any additional land rented (including duration/details of the rental agreement – copies/evidence should be supplied to support this statement).
- An indication of any land rented out to other people.
- Details of other buildings currently used and their location as part of the holding, including those on rented land (details should include the floor space of the building and what the building is currently used for)

Planning history and farm holding History

Description of the proposal

To include:

- The floor area of the proposed buildings (if the building is to be used for a variety of purposes the approximate floor area for each use should be specified)
- How long will the building be used for
- Relationship to other buildings and the ability for further expansion.
- Design (length/width/height to eaves, roofslope/pitch, roof/wall cladding material, floor slopes, load requirements e.g. grain storage or silage pits, frequency and number of people working inside, energy efficiency and potential for renewable energy, ventilation inlets and outlets, exposure to the elements and acoustics).

And specifically for agricultural buildings:

- Design (inlet ventilation above animal level, stocking density, amount of natural light required, seasonal use, management approach, feeding regime, access and handling facilities, slurry and waste management, biosecurity).

Size and type of animal associated with the proposal (where relevant)	Type	No.	Type	No.
		Beef cattle		Lambs (up to 12 weeks old)
	Dairy cattle		Lambs and Sheep (12 weeks to 12 months old)	
	Fattening calves		Rams	
	Calves		Pigs (including breeding sows)	
	Bulls		Laying hens (in non-cage systems)	
	Lowland ewes (60-90kg live weight)		Laying hens (in enriched cage)	
	Lowland ewes (after lambing with lambs at foot up to 6 weeks of age)		Laying hens (free range systems)	
	Hill ewes (45-65kg live weight)		Broiler (meat)	
	Hill ewes (after lambing with lambs at foot up to 6 weeks of age)		Chickens	
			Turkeys	
	Other (please specify):			

Details of the agricultural justification for new building(s)

<p>To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The need for a specific size of building(s)</li><li>• The need for the building(s) in a specific location</li><li>• The details of any special reasons that lead to the need for additional building(s) (egTb)</li></ul>	
<p>Details of those employed on the holding, and whether this is on a full or part time basis and their only source of income.</p>	
<p>Details of any slurry or waste produced and how this is proposed to be disposed of.</p>	
<p>Details of drainage.</p>	
<p>Any other relevant information which would support your application</p>	