

Knowsley Council
Regeneration and Economic Development Directorate.
Delegated Planning Report

APPLICATION NO: 25/00252/AGR **CASE OFFICER:** Andrew Hunt

WARD: Halewood South **PARISH:** Halewood
Town Council

LOCATION: Wellbrook Farm, Lower Road, Halewood, Knowsley, L26 3UB

PROPOSAL: PRIOR APPROVAL FOR THE ERECTION OF AN AGRICULTURAL
PRODUCE STORAGE BUILDING

Site Description

The application is a small rectangular site set within a larger farm complex of triangular shape. There is an existing farm complex of several buildings to the east, and open fields to the north, west and south with the A562 to the south and Lower Road to the North.

Proposal

The proposal is a prior approval application for the erection of an agricultural produce storage building. The building would be 446sqm in size and the following dimensions;

- Length: 24.38m
- Width: 18.28m
- Eaves height: 7.32m
- Roof pitch: 15 degrees
- Ridge height: 9.8m

Consultations

N/A

Representations

N/A

Planning History

None Relevant

Relevant Policy

General Permitted Development Order 2015 (as Amended)

Article 35 Statement

The Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by assessing the proposal against all material considerations, including planning policies and any representations that may have been received and subsequently determining to grant planning permission in accordance with the presumption in favour of sustainable development, as set out within the National Planning Policy Framework.

General Permitted Development Order 2015 (as Amended)

Reasonably necessary for the purposes of agriculture

Class A of Part 6 of the GPDO 2015 (As Amended) 2015 requires that in order to be permitted development works must be reasonably necessary for the purposes of agriculture within that unit in order to benefit from permitted development rights.

“PART 6 Agricultural and forestry-

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

Permitted development

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”.

The proposal would serve an existing farm and would be used in connection with the agricultural use of the site. It would be used as an agricultural produce storage building. Therefore, the proposal complies with this part of the GPDO.

Size Limitations

(e) the ground area which would be covered by—

(ii) any building erected or extended or altered by virtue of Class A [F2 would exceed 1,500 square metres],

(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;

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

The development would consist of a ground area of 446sqm. This is below the threshold of 1000sqm and complies with the requirements of the GPDO. The maximum height of the building would be 10.1metres high and well below the 12 metre limit. The development would be more than 25 metres away from Lower Road (around 30 metres away). Overall, the application complies with the requirements of the General Permitted Development Order in relation to size limitations.

SITING AND MEANS OF CONSTRUCTION

“(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”;

In relation to the siting, design and external appearance of the building,
The shed will be enclosed with Green plastic coated sheets whilst the roof will be grey reinforced concrete roof sheets with roof light. The building is open fronted and closed to the other three elevations.

The building is of a typical standard design and appearance and would not be out of place in a rural farming location. The size of the building would be similar to other existing buildings to the east. The site is also bounded by trees and hedges to the east so would not be readily visible from this direction.

In relation to neighbours, there is a dwelling around 120 metres away to the east (Brookhouse farm) however, this would be too far to be affected by the building. The building is located within the central part of the site and away from the boundaries. Overall, given the distance away and modest height, combined with boundary screening, the building will not harm the amenity of neighbours.

Conclusion

The application complies with the requirements of Class A – of part 6 of the GPDO 2015 (as amended). Therefore, it is considered that prior approval is required and approved in accordance with the provisions of the GPDO.

Recommendation

The applicant be informed that under the terms of Class A (Part 6) of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 (As Amended) prior approval is required and approved.

Signed Case Officer¹: **Andrew Hunt** _____

Signed Authorising **Jo Sheridan**
Officer²: _____

Date: **07/05/2025**

Informatives

N/A

1 I confirm that I do not have a personal relationship with the applicant, agent or other interested parties; I also confirm that I do not have a financial interest in the site or the development proposed

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