

Statement of need

In December we applied for a small lean to on the side of our main grain store to house our trailers and some of the machinery that has been outside but as the farming world evolves so does our need. We have in the last couple of months received a letter that I have attached. This outlines we will no longer be able to store our pea and sometimes oilseed crop in the neighbouring farmers store and so need to make provision for ourselves. We are also looking at doing more varieties of crops than we have been. This should lower our risk if one crop doesn't do so well which has happened twice in the last five years. To do this we require more bays for storage. We also wish the new building to have a vented floor for conditioning so we can store our crops longer to obtain a better price. We have suffered this year with some quite large financial penalties for not being able to keep our crops at the correct temperature. It is also relevant that we will sometime soon lose one of our buildings in the redevelopment of the airfield in Arun's local plan as the application is now in. This building is approximately 364m². The proposed building is 640m².

We would like to build a new building as close as possible to our existing sheds for security. This location was chosen because of its access to the main yard and also because it avoids all the existing drainage pipes in the field.

The structure of the building is an exact replica of the existing grain store and the height is the standard for farm buildings but also the same as the farm buildings around it. I have included a photo of the existing grain store.