



BORE HILL FARM

The site



Reuse of a redundant farm

Bore Hill Farm is a redundant smallholding on the southern edge of Warminster in Wiltshire. It comprises a farm house, disused outbuildings and 12 acres of hilly land. It is bounded to the south by the main A36 trunk road and Deverill Road to the east – the main southern access road to the town. The northern boundary is made up of a public foot path and the rear gardens of Warminster's residential margins along Ludlow Close. The farm house lay vacant following the death of the last resident farmer and after a long time on the property market has recently been renovated for residential occupation.

Green energy proposal



Revitalising Bore Hill Farm

Malaby Biogas plans to install an anaerobic digestion (AD) and Combined Heat and Power (CHP) facility which will provide clean heat and electricity to the farm house and outbuildings as well as contributing up to 1 MW of clean electricity to the local power network. The plant and equipment will be installed on the southern most part of the land

with minimal visual impact to the road or residential neighbourhood to the north. The facility will be situated to provide minimal noise or odour pollution to the residential neighbourhood to the north and will be designed to be as visually and ecologically sensitive as possible to its surroundings. The facility will be established as an exemplar project as defined by Wiltshire Council and will aim to provide sustainable development and local employment in conjunction with the redevelopment of the redundant farm buildings.

Farmstead redevelopment

The traditional farmstead complex made up of the existing redundant buildings will be redeveloped by Malaby Martin Ltd to provide sustainable business units powered and heated by the neighbouring facility. Using their previous local experience in sympathetic redevelopment of farm buildings the original character of the complex will be retained with a central courtyard surrounded by low agricultural style buildings fitted out to modern energy efficiency standards. This will provide additional employment opportunities to the town of Warminster with little or no infrastructural burden on the town's resources. In a similar fashion to the AD facility the redevelopment of the farmstead will be undertaken as an exemplar project and the two facilities will be designed together to provide the greatest opportunity for energy efficiency, cohesive planning and integration.

Consultation

Malaby Martin was recently awarded the Design and Built In Award from West Wiltshire planning department for its redevelopment of West Farm Barns at Knook. A cornerstone of this award was their collaborative approach in planning the project. By seeking the input of stakeholders such as officials, neighbours and project professionals at the early stages they were able to ensure that an acceptable and cohesive scheme was planned and delivered. This approach will be equally crucial in delivering a truly exemplary scheme at Bore Hill Farm. Balancing diverse opinions, technical requirements and economic demands while maintaining an overarching vision requires consideration and commitment. The vision for Bore Hill Farm is there and the experience to deliver it is proven. With the constructive contribution of all stakeholders a future for Bore Hill Farm is assured.