

render the timber marketable and disposable, whether it is functionally and reasonably necessary for machinery to be stored on the site and timber to be dried in a building on the land.

In the Authority's view, whilst it is desirable for timber to be stored under cover, it is not necessary. The support from Mr Watt is based only on the estimated volumes of timber resulting from the Woodland Management Plan that runs from 2014 for 10 years. Furthermore, whilst there is no appropriate access to the site to remove the timber products, there is no means by which to extract the timber from the plantation and no ability to transport the sawn timber or firewood to the market. Until a suitable access is provided, the buildings are unlikely to be needed and cannot therefore be considered to be permitted development.

In addition, based on the items stated as needing to be stored, there does not appear to be any justification for the size of the machinery store proposed which seems excessively large for the stated purpose.

Under the current circumstances, it is not considered that the two buildings proposed are reasonably necessary for the purposes of forestry and that planning permission is therefore required for the buildings.

Decision Planning Permission Required

Application date and relevant plans

7 May 2015 together with the site location plan, block plan and two un-numbered drawings received 22 May 2015

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