Agricultural Statement

Proposal:	Prior Notification for the erection of a covered feed passage / walkway between two existing agricultural buildings.
At:	Trenchmore Farm Burnthouse Lane Cowfold West Sussex
Reference:	DC/24/1078

This Planning Statement accompanies a Planning Application for a covered feed passage / walkway between two existing agricultural buildings at Trenchmore Farm, Cowfold.

The Knowles farm approximately 160ha of ground to the northwest of the settlement of Cowfold within open countryside. Land is laid mainly to grassland together with arable production (16.2ha), woodland (6.1ha) and with 2ha of apple orchard. Further permanent pasture is rented from neighbouring landowners.

In order to maintain profitability and sustainability the applicant seeks planning permission for a covered feed passage / walkway between two existing agricultural buildings. The proposal would form part of a successful existing farming enterprise; and will help create a sustainable and efficient business for future generations.

The space is currently hard standing area for storage and accessing the existing sheds. The applicants currently use the space to store machinery and grain trailers and as an overflow for bales of silage and straw. There is currently exposed feed face along one side.

The applicants hope to cover the space between the existing sheds so that they have a completely dry covered area resulting in less spoilage of feed. It will also increase the covered area for straw and hay storage.

The proposed use and activity of the building is compatible with the existing immediate farming locality and the surrounding area; and would not prejudice the continued operation of existing neighbouring land uses.

The design and position of the proposed building has been determined by its function and rural location. All elements of the building have been designed to a specific purpose to ensure that the building is workable and efficient.