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POULTRY UNITS IN THE LEAFY SUBURBS OF SURREY

Planning permission has been granted for the erection of a poultry unit at a farm in Surrey to further develop the owner's free range egg business.

The owner of Firth Park Free Range Eggs located at Walton-on-the-Hill in Surrey realised that conventional farming was not going to raise enough money to maintain the farm. The poultry side of the business however, was proving to be successful and the part the client wished to expand.

The farm sits in the Metropolitan Green Belt in an Area of Great Landscape Value (AGLV) so was in a sensitive location. It was not overlooked and was set against the backdrop of a block of mature woodland but had significant footpaths. Acorus Rural Property Services Ltd submitted a report to Reigate and Banstead Borough Council which successfully addressed all the issues which can accompany such an application ie. hygiene, noise and odour pollution.

The only planning issue was with the shed itself as the grazing of hens does not need planning permission. Acorus pointed out that the shed would be of a typical agricultural construction and would not therefore impact on the local environment.

Brian Barrow, MD for Acorus says 'We are delighted to have received planning permission for our client. The UK needs significant investment in free range egg production to meet rising demand from consumers and to balance the effect of the banning of conventional battery cages in 2012.'

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About Acorus

Acorus Rural Property Services Ltd is an independent firm of Chartered Surveyors and Planning Consultants with extensive experience and expertise in rural planning, diversification and property consultancy.

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