

VICARAGE NURSERIES - BRETTFORTON

The Proposal

Through this leaflet Framptons on behalf of Vicarage Nurseries would like to update the local community on the preparation of two planning applications being prepared. Vicarage Nurseries remain committed to investing in their business and sensitively integrating the business into the Bretforton Community and therefore have taken the decision to undertake this leaflet drop given the present inability to hold an exhibition event explaining the proposals as a physical event due to Covid-19 gathering restrictions. We will consider and collate all comments and feedback before we finalise our proposals and submit either planning application which will be summarised in a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI).

Vicarage Nurseries is an award-winning family owned farm set on the edge of Bretforton in the heart of the Vale of Evesham. Established in 1996, the nursery was originally a modest 2.6-acre site, comprising a single one-man operation glass house. Since that time, the business has grown and now extends to over 120 acres that produce 1,500 tonnes of first-class soft fruit. Vicarage nurseries requires further investment to increase the economic and environmental efficiency of the business and secure its long-term competitiveness in a demanding commercial sector. The proposals are two part.

Part One

Part one is for the demolition of existing derelict greenhouse located in the heart of the site and its replacement with a packing house. At present Vicarage Nurseries does not have an on-site packaging facility, produce is picked and transported off site for processing.

This represents a huge expense for the Nursery and causes a significant number of HGV movements to physically move the produce. The on-site Packing House will assist in reducing vehicle movements, reduce crop waste and reduce the time taken from picking to supermarket shelf, which will improve the quality of fruit sold to the public.

Part Two

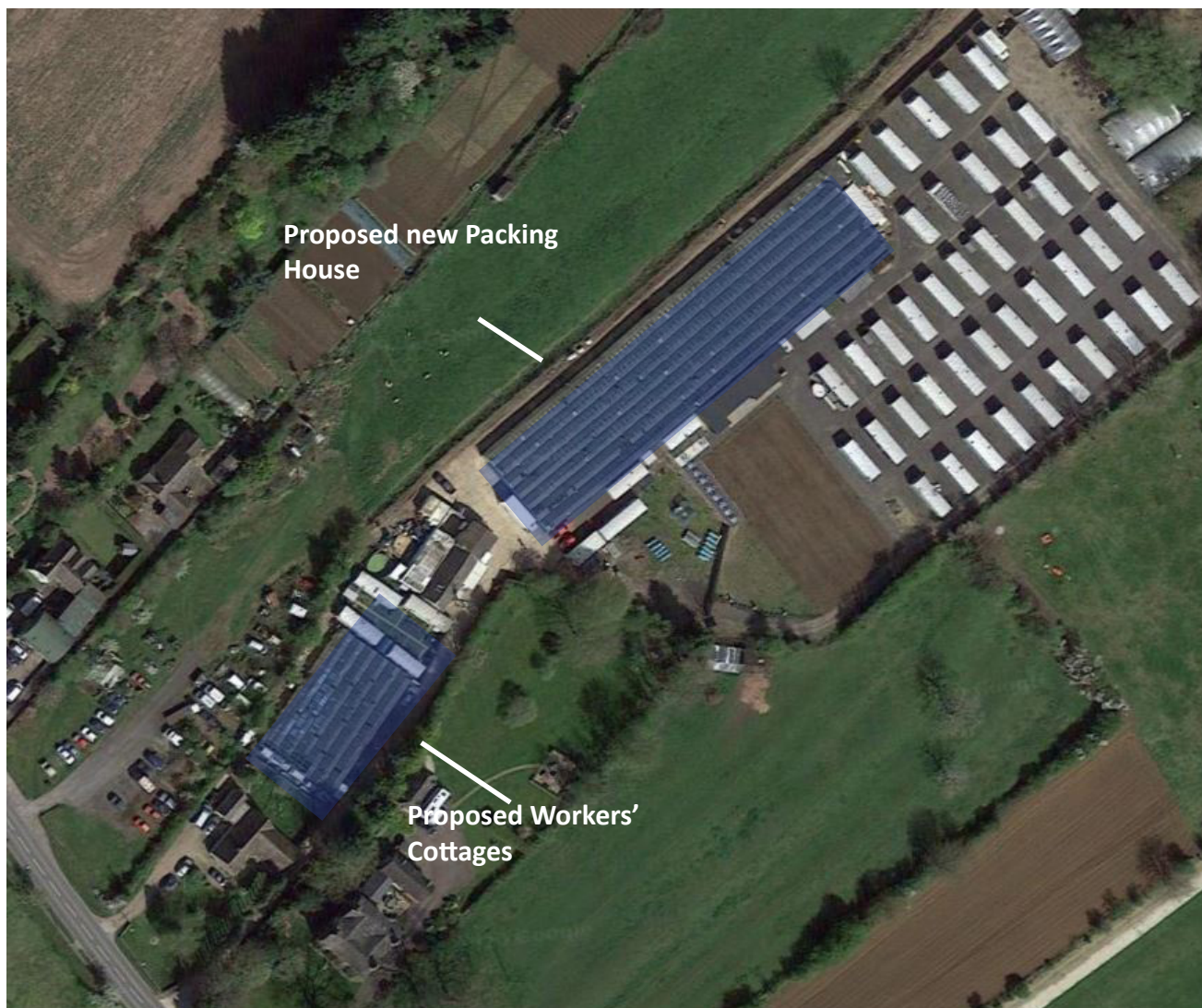
Part two seeks the replacement of existing static caravan accommodation with a modern terrace of 7 x 2-bedroom cottages to accommodate workers required to live on site. The existing accommodation units the business offers to its staff are dated, environmentally unsustainable and are reaching the end of their useful life especially during the colder months. Attracting and retaining a workforce is a key challenge for the Vale of Evesham. The fruit growing operation is a 24-hour operation that requires a 24-hour staff presence on Site. The fruit growing season has extended over the years mainly due to the UK weather and improved varieties and growing systems.

The applications will be supported by a series of technical documents addressing key matters for this site including flood risk and drainage, highways impacts, noise and vibration, ecology and biodiversity, landscape and visual impact, the horticultural business case and the overall planning assessment.

Next Steps?

The application locations and designs are shown on the reverse of this leaflet and Vicarage Nurseries through Framptons welcome any comments or observations on the emerging proposals.

The Proposed Development



Next Stages

Stage 1: Leaflet Drop

This leaflet provides an update on the progression of the two planning applications. Further plans for the two elements can be found on Framptons website.

Stage 2: Review development proposals following further comments

Revise any further comments received following the leaflet drop and amend/refine the proposals where necessary. Technical reports which will accompany a planning application will be finalised.

Stage 3: Submission of planning applications Submit two formal planning applications to Wychavon District Council for their consideration in August/September 2020.

To submit comments, please do so by the following options: -

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