# MEGS FARM STEEPLE MORDEN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE







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### MEGS FARM, NORTH BROOK END, STEEPLE MORDEN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE, SG8 OPH

A RARE OPPORTUNITY TO ACQUIRE 63.49 ACRES (25.69 HECTARES) OF FENCED PASTURE, WITH A MODERN GENERAL PURPOSE BUILDING CONTAINING A SHEEP MILKING PARLOUR, MOBILE HOME AND CONSENT FOR A FURTHER AGRICULTURAL BUILDING

### FOR SALE AS A WHOLE OR IN TWO LOTS

#### Introduction

The sale of Megs Farm presents an excellent opportunity to acquire two attractive blocks of recently fenced pasture land, complemented by a modern general purpose agricultural building, currently supporting a sheep dairy enterprise and a mobile home. Conveniently located on the border of South Cambridgeshire and North Hertfordshire, the property offers strong potential for agricultural and equestrian occupiers, as well as lifestyle buyers.

Megs Farm is located approximately 1 mile east of the village of Guilden Molden, which benefits from a primary school, public house, village hall and recreational ground. The village is in close proximity to the A505, A1(M) and A10.

The property is approximately 8 miles north west of the town of Royston, 14 miles south west of the University City of Cambridge and 12 miles north east of Letchworth Garden City. Ashwell & Morden railway station is situated approximately 4 miles to the south of the property providing direct services to London St Pancras (48 mins), London Blackfriars (57 mins) and London Bridge (1 hour 3 mins).

Luton Airport is situated approximately 25 miles to the south west of the property.

#### **Method of Sale**

The land is offered for sale by private treaty as a whole or in two Lots.

#### Description

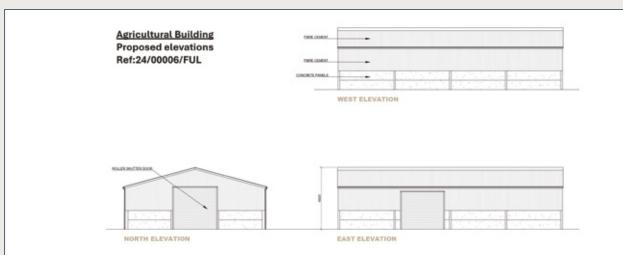
Megs Farm is currently home to a successful sheep dairy enterprise, yielding an impressive annual profit. The farm comprises of 63.49 acres of pasture land, which is naturally divided into two parcels by North Brook End and is down to a legume rich multi species grass and herbal ley. The holding benefits from a modern general purpose building, a mobile home and planning consent for a further agricultural building.



#### <u>Lot 1</u>

The western parcel comprises approximately 37.11 acres of productive pasture land, including the buildings, access track and concrete hardstanding for livestock handling. The land is naturally divided by a watercourse, with the topography gently rising towards the southern boundary. It is subdivided into smaller paddock enclosures using a metal Clipex stock fencing system. Public Footpaths dissect this parcel.





**Modern General Purpose Building (20m x 15m)** - Steel portal framed construction beneath a pitched roof with box profile sheeting and translucent roof lights. The building has concrete grain walling with Yorkshire weatherboarding to the upper elevations. There are full height electric roller shutter doors with manual override, to each gable. Internally, there is a concrete floor and sunken pit with steps down to access the Gascoigne-Melotte milking parlour.

The sheep milking parlour is a fast exit 20/20 system, with an in-parlour feeding system and dispenser at each station, supplied from a 6t silo, situated to the south of the building.

There is an open sided lean-to on the eastern elevation and the western elevation contains the plant room, milk room and open storage area. The plant room is accessible internally from the dairy, which is equipped with a Gascoigne-Melotte vacuum pump, ABAC air compressor and and a three-phase electricity supply.

The milk room features a 2,000 litre stainless steel milk vat, refrigeration unit, free standing stainless steel sink and drainer, a concrete floor and full height wash down panel walls. The parlour is fully serviced with mains water and electricity.

Externally, there is a concrete holding area to both the northern and southern aspect, providing an enclosed sheep handling area. The building benefits from CCTV system.

**Mobile Home** – Situated within the western parcel, the mobile home benefits from mains water, electricity and septic tank drainage. Temporary planning consent (Ref: 23/00774/FUL) was granted on 4th October 2023, with occupancy restricted to a person solely or mainly employed in agriculture or forestry. This consent expires on 1st November 2026, having been approved to support the current operations.

An outline planning application (Ref: 25/01483/OUT), submitted on 14th April 2025, seeks permission for the erection of a permanent agricultural worker's dwelling and is currently awaiting decision.

**Agricultural Building** – Planning permission (Ref: 24/00006/ FUL) was granted on 10th July 2024 for a new steel portal frame agricultural building (approximately 25m x 18m), to be constructed with concrete panelling and fibre cement cladding over a pitched fibre cement roof. The approved design includes roller shutter doors on the northern and eastern elevations, with a hardstanding yard area to the north. The building has not yet been constructed.

#### <u>Lot 2</u>

The eastern parcel extends to approximately 26.38 acres of pasture land, divided into two paddock enclosures. It is securely bounded by a combination of post and wire stock fencing and a Clipex fencing system. Vehicular access is provided via a pair of double gates directly off the public highway. The land benefits from a mains water supply and features a public footpath crossing the land from north west to south east.

The land is classified as Grade 2 according to the Agricultural Land Classification Map and the soil is identified as being of Wantage 2 soil type which is described as shallow well drained calcareous silty soils over argillaceous chalk.

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#### **General Remarks and Stipulations**

The vendor would consider offering for sale 300 Romney Cross breeding ewes and customer milking contacts, by way of separate negotiation.

The two plastic rainwater harvesting tanks will be excluded from the sale.

#### **Tenure & Possession**

Freehold with vacant possession on completion.

#### **Drainage Rates**

Environment Agency drainage rates are currently payable at the standard rates.

#### VAT

The land is not registered for VAT. However, if the sale of the property of any right attached to it is deemed a chargeable supply for the purpose of VAT, such tax shall be payable by the purchaser in addition to the sale price.

#### **Town & Country Planning**

The land is situated within South Cambridgeshire District Council and is sold subject to any development plans, tree preservation orders, town planning schedules, applications, permissions and resolutions which may be or come into force. The purchaser(s) will be deemed to have full knowledge and have satisfied themselves as to the provisions of any such matters affecting the property.

#### **Basic Payment & Grant Schemes**

The land has been claimed for Basic Payment Scheme entitlements and is registered on the Rural Land Register. The seller will retain all historic delinked payments.

All of the land is subject to a 5 year Middle Tier Countryside Stewardship Agreement.

#### **Sporting, Timber & Minerals**

All sporting, timber and mineral rights are included in the sale insofar as they are owned.

## Wayleaves, Easements, Covenants & Rights of Way

The land is sold subject to and with the benefit of all existing wayleaves, easements, covenants and rights of way whether or not disclosed.

There are public footpaths on the western and eastern parcels, dissecting the holding.

#### **Exchange & Completion**

Exchange of contracts shall be within 6 weeks of the purchaser(s) solicitor receiving a draft contract. Completion will be by agreement between the parties.

#### **Boundaries**

The vendor and vendor's agents will do their best to specify the ownership of boundary hedges, fences and ditches but will not be bound to determine these. The property is available for inspection and the purchaser(s) will be deemed to have satisfied themselves as to the ownership and location of the boundaries.

#### Plans, Areas & Schedules

Plans attached to the particulars are based upon the Ordnance Survey and are for identification purposes only.

#### **Local Authority**

South Cambridgeshire District Council, South Cambridgeshire Hall 6010, Cambourne Business Park, Great Cambourne, Cambourne, Cambridge, CB23 6EA.

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#### **Viewings & Further Information**

The land can be viewed by prior arrangement with the Sole Agents. For further information please contact Jonathan Purkiss jonathan.purkiss@cheffins.co.uk or Jack French jack. french@cheffins.co.uk on (01223) 213777.

As always, potential hazards exist on working farms and it is requested that all viewings are undertaken with care and regard to safety particularly with regard to any areas in and around buildings.

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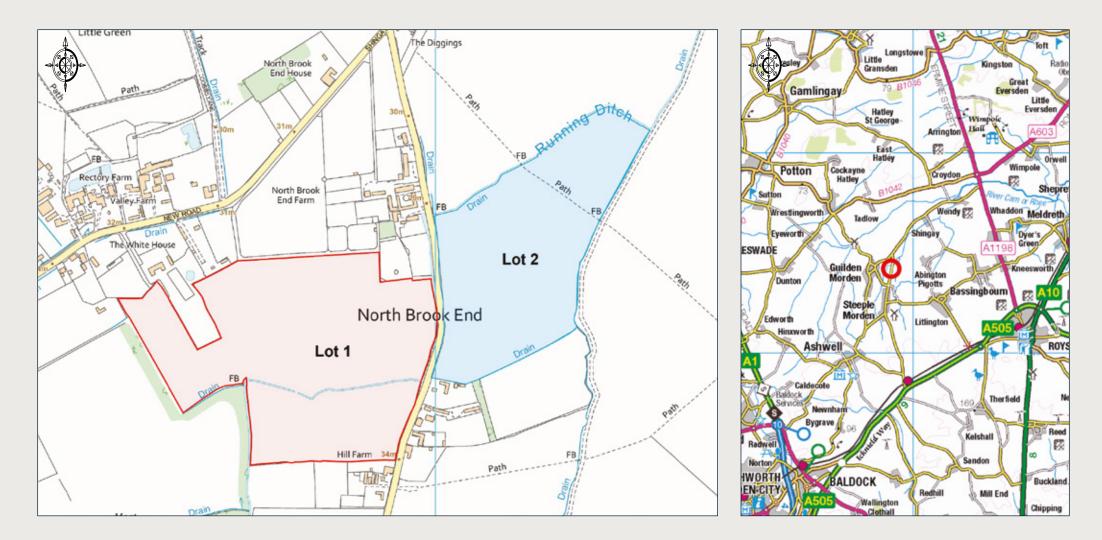
#### **Anti-Money Laundering Regulations**

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#### **Agents Notes**

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