

# The Market Report

## SEPTEMBER PROFESSIONAL PONDERINGS

It is September and it's the Planning & Development Team's turn to inject some joy into what has been a rather bizarre 2020 for many of us. Our team has been very busy this year and, even with lockdown, the work has kept coming, including new instructions.

As some of you will know, last month the government published the Planning White Paper – "Planning for the Future". This consultation document set out the government's proposals for long term reform within the planning system for England and includes some interesting changes designed to modernise, speed up and simplify planning. Much needed, as I am sure you would agree! Particularly as regards speeding up the process.

Rather than bore you with reams of detail, I summarise the main points below and should you wish to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Planning & Development Team.

The White Paper proposes changing the planning system from a discretionary system to a rule-based system, while allowing an element of creativity and flexibility within the process. Changes would include Local Plans being reviewed every 5 years, with housing need and land availability being at the forefront of

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the agenda. A Zoning system would be introduced, identifying land in three categories: - Growth, Renewal and Protection areas.

There are proposed changes to planning agreements and Community Infrastructure Levy, with the introduction of an 'Infrastructure Levy' either across all areas, or specific rates depending on location. This Infrastructure Levy would look to capture change of use through PD (Permitted Development) Rights, which has previously been excluded. With the proposed removal of S106 obligations, the reformed Infrastructure Levy is intended to deliver affordable housing, although the detail/mechanisms of how this will be achieved is yet to be provided.

Whilst the White Paper proposals will take time to come into force, the government realises the need to make changes to the current planning system. These changes include how housing need is assessed and will place statutory obligations on authorities to deliver their annual housing requirements. The government are also looking to support small/medium sized housebuilders, by lifting the need to provide affordable housing on smaller sites. In addition to this, Permission in Principle applications are being extended to include major developments.

The consultation on the White Paper runs until 29th October, while the consultation on the changes to the current planning system closes on 1st October 2020.

I hope the above isn't too dry and should you wish to discuss the above, or any planning related matter, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Planning & Development Team, as we would be happy to advise.

*Tristan Peck*  
*Chartered Surveyor*

(NB. Just a word of warning from an older head. Throughout my career, every 5 to 10 years, the government of the day has proposed changes to "speed up and simplify" the planning system. Much hot air is expended and many trees are converted into parliamentary reports while generally, changes end up being watered down. Perhaps this time will be different! However, changes to the planning system always create opportunities and that's what we hope to identify and help clients with - Alistair Brodie).

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*Alistair Brodie - Peter Moore - Andrew Middleditch - Tristan Peck*

## A Message from the Livestock Auctioneers Association

Following a teleconference meeting this morning it was made very clear to me that officials are not happy with the Covid-19 face covering and social distancing compliance rates at a handful of livestock markets in England.

Members are reminded that the wearing of face coverings in enclosed spaces in English markets is not an ask. **It is mandatory.**

**ALL MARKETS** should continue to ensure that compliance with the Social Distancing rules are adhered to, that adequate hand washing facilities are available for everyone to use and that a record of all attendees is kept.

In addition, in England, everyone entering the enclosed areas of the market must wear a face covering (except those that have an exemption for health reasons).

The LAA has worked tirelessly to ensure that members can continue trading and the live marketing system has gained considerable respect due to members implementing systems that make both vendors and purchasers feel safe in the market environment.

I fully understand and certainly do not underestimate the difficulties associated to requiring market attendees to wear a face coverings and adhere to the Social Distancing rules, but if we want our businesses to remain open some members need to do more.

I respectfully ask that members make every effort possible to ensure compliance within their markets.

I also request that members do not “post” pictures and/or film footage on Social Media showing clear breaches of the rules.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2020**

### **Tuesday 15th September**

Prime, Cull & Store Sheep, Ewes & Lambs  
Fur & Feather, Produce & Misc

### **Wednesday 16th September at 11.00am**

Field Sale of Breeding Sheep & Rams

\*\*\* Catalogue Available Online \*\*\*

### **Wednesday 23rd September at 11.00am**

Thrapston Sale of Breeding Sheep & Rams

\*\*\* Catalogue Available Soon \*\*\*

### **\*\*\* IMPORTANT NOTICE \*\*\* UPDATED \*\*\***

Face coverings are a mandatory requirement, and **MUST** be worn by all customers and other visitors attending indoor areas of our markets. In order to communicate effectively not all staff are required to wear face coverings. Appropriate social distancing should continue to be observed.

*Our Sales are Subject to Inspection.*

*Please adhere to all rules & regulations regarding the running of our auction sales to ensure we can keep them operating. Keep your distance, Please wash your hands. Spaces have been marked in the rings for buyers*

## **FARM DISPERSAL SALE**

### **Saturday 10th October at 11.00am**

At Fulling Mill, Broughton, Banbury, OX15 6AP

On behalf of Exors R K Taylor (deceased)

This will be an interesting Saturday morning sale including:  
5 Older Tractors, Grassland Machinery & General Agricultural Equipment.

Plus Various Old Riveted Galvanised Water Troughs,  
Wooden Poultry Houses & Many More Items.

Extra Lots are invited for this sale,

If you would like them advertised in the sale catalogue, please contact

Brian Pile - 07778 970628 or Jake Wagstaff - 07487 526803

## REPORT FOR TUESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

**641 Prime Sheep** forward today with two types of lambs forward, good and very good, which topped at 222p or £101.84 and took an average of 208.5p. A very good trade was seen in the cull ewe section, with rams selling to £108 and ewes to £99. A good entry of store lambs, not as many this week as vendors are keeping them for the field sale, but even so, long term lambs on offer sold to £65 to average £59.46.

Keep the numbers coming as we have keen buyers for the weights and types on offer. For a quick turn around on your prime sheep why not try Stratford, many new clients are doing so.

### **423 New Season Lambs**

**12 Lights** – The last round up of the year for Jamie Ironmonger saw him top at 215p or £66.65 for 31kg Texels; M Digweed also entered some smart light finished lambs which sold to 208p.

To		From		Average	
215p	£66.65	208p	£65.52	209.7p	£65.80

**134 Standards** – Charles Vernon-Miller entered some fantastic Beltex and Texel lambs, his 2nd pen in sold to 216.5p or £82.27 weighing 38kg; T Young sold a pen of thirteen 33kg lambs to 216p; Jamie Ironmonger took next top spot at 215.5p weighing 37.5kg; SJ Matthews sold his 35kg lambs to 210p; JE Lea & Son sold their pen of 38kg Charollais to 209p; Peter Wilson sold 33.5kg lambs to 208p; Kelly Burrows sold her 32.5kg lambs to 207.5p; E Taylor saw 206.5p for their 36.5kg lambs; and Alan Berks sold ten 38kg lambs to 206.5p

To		From		Average	
216.5p	£82.27	202p	£67.44	208.75p	£75.47

**156 Mediums** – Top of the day 43kg Beltex lambs from Charles Vernon-Miller which sold to 222p or £95.46; Jamie Ironmonger sold his ten 40kg Texels to 218.5p; Laticia Hammon sold her 42.5kg Texels to 218p; Roy & Pam Stone sold their 45kg lambs to 211p; Pip Careless saw a top of 209p for his 44.5kg Charollais lambs; Mike Gibbs sold 44.5kg lambs to 208.5p; and JM Ballard saw 208p for their 41.5kg lambs.

To		From		Average	
222p	£95.46	200p	£81.96	208.4p	£88.23

**120 Heavies** – Jamie Ironmonger also topped in this section with a trio of Texels weighing 46.5kg and selling to 219p or £101.84; A North & Sons sold their smart Texels to 210.5p weighing 46.5kg; JM Ballard saw 209p for a pen of eleven Charollais weighing 46kg; DJ & SE Pollard sold 46kg Charollais lambs to 207p and their 47kg Suffolks to 204p; Mike Tisdale sold 46kg Charollais to 206.5p; and Kelly Burrows sold her 46kg lambs to 205.5p.

To		From		Average	
219p	£101.84	197p	£92.00	204.3p	£98.04

**1 Over 52kg** – Just one forward from Mike Gibbs weighing 54kg selling to 185p or £99.90.

To		From		Average	
185p	£99.90	185p	£99.90	185p	£99.90

### 92 Store Lambs

A pen of eighteen Charollais x lambs from T Young topped the day at £65; M Furlong also sold lambs to £65 with others at £62.50, £57 from £40; Jamie Ironmonger sold three Texels to £61; and AM Gasson sold a pen of eighteen lambs to £53.50.

To		From		Average	
£65.00		£11.00		£59.46	

### 126 Cull Ewes, Rams & Breeding Sheep

**Breeding Sheep** - A clearance of full mouthed Charollais ewes from G Brunner sold to £99 from £91, his Lley n x Theaves sold to £92. **Cull Ewes** - RG Dancer sold Suffolks to £89.50; Dancer Brothers sold Continental x ewes to £85; Andrew Taylor sold Texel x ewes to £84.50. Mules sold to £75.50 for DM & A Andrews. **Rams** sold to £108 for a Charollais with one other to £103 and a Texel to £106, all from T Young.

To		From		Average	
£108.00		£10.00		£57.77	



Click the link to view our Stratford Facebook page for further  
Up to date information about our sales pre and post sale.

<https://www.facebook.com/StratfordLivestockMarket/>

## FORTHCOMING SPECIAL SALES

**Wednesday 23rd September**

Sale of Breeding Sheep & Rams - Thrapston

**Friday 25th September**

Thrapston Collective Machinery & Equipment Sale

**Saturday 26th September**

Dispersal Sale of Milking Parlour, Dairy & Cheese Making Equipment  
Redlands Farm, Northamptonshire

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

To make banking easier for our clients in these trying times. We would like to help you by transferring your money via a bank transfer payment directly into your bank, instead of sending you a cheque for you to bank.

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**03000 111 999**

e-Helpline:  
[help@fcn.org.uk](mailto:help@fcn.org.uk)

Website:  
[fcn.org.uk](http://fcn.org.uk)


Helpline is open 7am-11pm every day of the year.

FCN is working with the Beds & Cambs Rural Support Group to ensure support to farmers continues uninterrupted. FCN has set up a new County Group for Beds & Cambs, and calls to Beds & Cambs Rural Support Group should now be directed to FCN's Helpline instead:

**03000 111 999**

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