



Existing farm plan : 2006



Phase 1 farm plan : 2007



Phase 3 farm plan : Future



Phase 2 farm plan : 2008

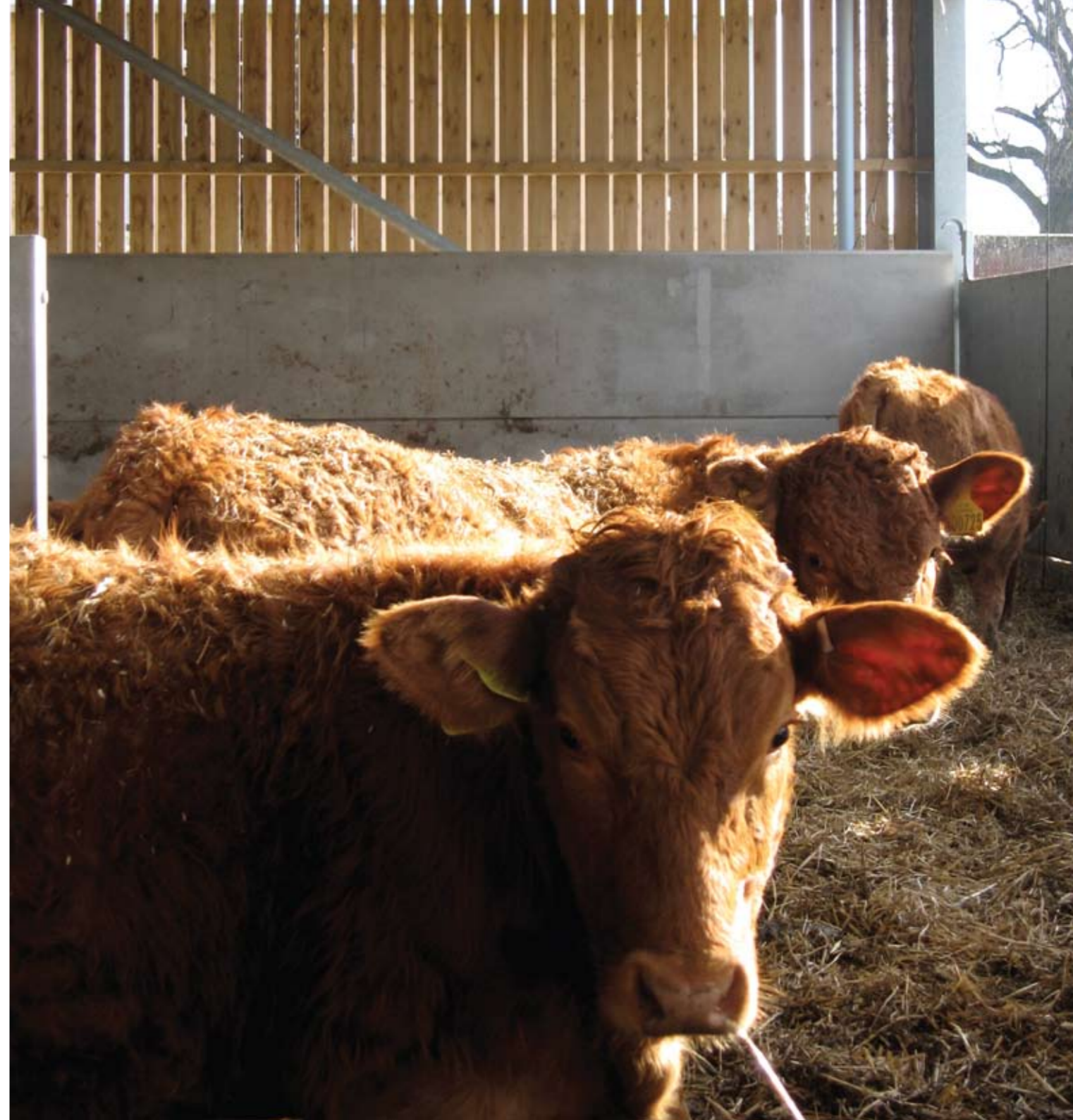
Above:
The Masterplan and the three
phases of construction

Left:
Existing and new buildings
in a sympathetic and familiar
palette of materials and forms

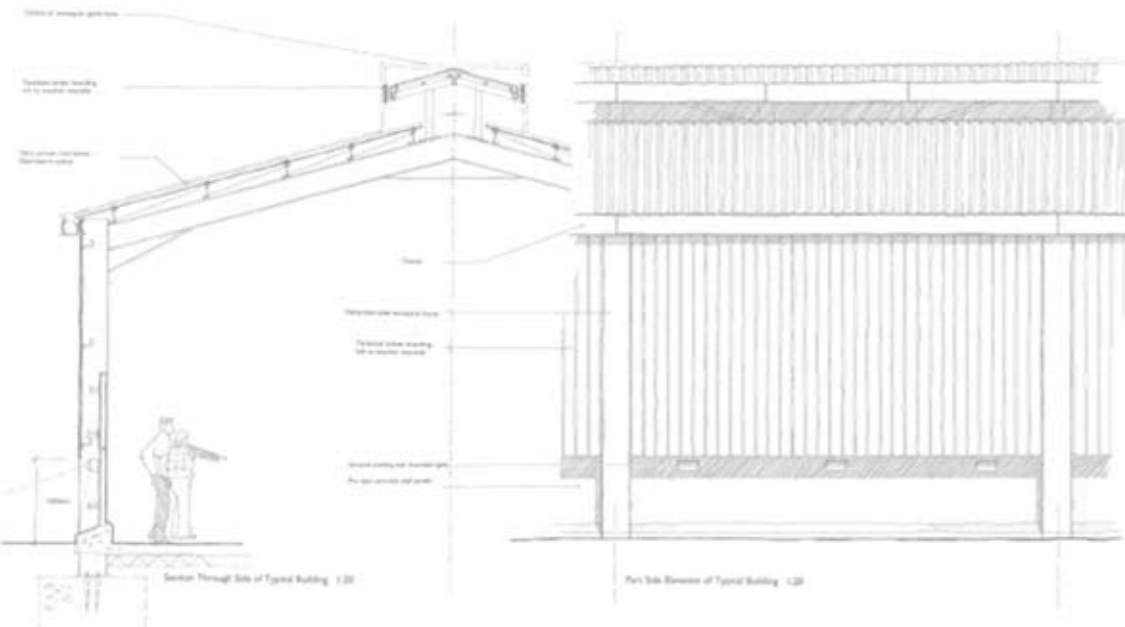


Organic Farm, Kent
10,350m²
2005 - 2008

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Above :
Standard materials and details brought together in a considered manner.

Left:
An ariel view with one building and the landscape works still to be completed



Above and below:
Existing farm buildings rebuilt, and refurbished to provide the farm office, staff welfare, stores and visitor facilities together with small animal pens
Full height window on the first floor admits daylight to the interior space on both elevations

Right:
The new farm buildings have been designed to enable the farm to be operated as an organic farm. Landscape around and between the buildings helps screen them and provide an attractive working environment.



Following the construction of a modern house to replace the original farm house PRS were asked to remodel and extend the farm buildings to create a modern organic farm together with facilities for visits from schools and other interested groups.

The visual impression of the farm from the access road was an important consideration for the client and planners and this led to a masterplan approach that provided a 'farm within a farm'.

The original 'traditional' farm had comprised a small courtyard enclosed by simple brick buildings with a number of dishevelled sheds and outbuildings at the back. The brick farm buildings are visible from the access road and have a degree of charm and character so these have been retained and refurbished to provide a farm office, staff welfare, stores and visitor facilities together with some small animal pens.

Behind the 'small farm' stand the larger buildings of the farm proper, with fingers of landscape projecting between them and wrapped around with a belt of semi mature indigenous trees.

To ensure good ventilation – essential to the health of the livestock – the buildings are clad with spaced timber boards down to 1.2 metres with ridge ventilation along the length of the buildings. The long elevations are articulated by expressing the galvanised structure and the ridge ventilators produce a positive skyline.

Rainwater is collected and used for watering the animals. Yard and other dirty water is filtered through tanks into a reed bed system.