At Strutt & Parker, we have a number of agricultural consultants who are fully trained with the British Society of Soil Science and are able to deliver in-depth soil assessments and Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) Surveys strictly in accordance with the criteria set out under official government guidelines. These surveys will support many different applications, one of which is specifically designed to assist with the planning and development process.

The ALC Survey Process

1. Firstly, a detailed soil assessment is required with soil samples taken using both the auger survey method and soil pits with a typical sample density of 1 per hectare.

2. The land is then classified by grade according to the extent of its limitations on agricultural use for food production:
   - Climate
   - Gradient
   - Soil depth
   - Wetness
   - Droughtiness
   - Stoniness

3. Next, an ALC map is produced which delineates areas with the same degree of limitation.

The ALC Survey Report

A comprehensive report will be written, to include:
   - Site background and survey methodology
   - Site limiting factors
   - Description of soil and reasons for grading
   - Full auger boring and soil pit schedule
   - Relevant lab sample results

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