

Green Swallow North Limited  
PLANNING STATEMENT – BLEAWATH BUNGALOW, GOSFORTH CA20 1HJ

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This Full planning application seeks the removal of an existing unsafe highway access to Bleawath Bungalow and replacement with a new highway access to the East of the site.

The original planning consented driveway sits on the inside curve of the B5344, which is fast road with speeds in excess of 50mph by most vehicles. The existing access has no visibility splay to the East nor to the West.

The approved access has not been used for several years as the vehicle access was shared with the adjacent property to the West where visibility is improved, but this is no longer available to the new owners of the bungalow.

The proposal is to remove this gateway and locate a new access point and link driveway to the East of the property, the location chosen to be optimum for visibility splays in both East and West direction and benefit from the existing verge to assist with splays. A new tarmac entrance way will be installed to standard highway standard and a new stock proof fence with hawthorn planted hedge will delineate between the field and new driveway.

The driveway will follow the curvature of the existing road and will be screened by the existing mature hedgerow. The surface finish will be gravelled to allow for percolation into the ground.

The proposals do see the minor loss of agricultural land however the enhancement to road safety not only to the owners and visitors to the property but to the heavy vehicle traffic flow, using the B5344 which at times travelling in excess of the speed limit.

The proposals only have a positive benefit and the highway safety benefits are significant.



Existing access looking East from the opposite side of the road, the road curvature and hedge line offer no visibility to the east



View looking West towards Seascale from the new entrance position



View East to Gosforth to from new entrance





Existing gateway between stone pillars and wall.