

STATEMENT TO SUPPORT PLANNING APPLICATION FOR SHARED DRIVEWAY TO PERMIT OFF-STREET PARKING TO NOS. 29 and 31 SANTON WAY SEASCALE.

1. The purpose of this application is to allow residents of the two properties to park their vehicles off Santon Way. Santon Way currently suffers from parking on both sides of the road, and visibility can be poor as a result. The proposal will improve road safety and is in line with the policy promoted by Seascale Parish Council, to encourage off street parking.
2. Parking of vehicles adjacent to dwellings will permit electric charging of vehicles. This reflects future need and is in line with the Government target of phasing out petrol/diesel vehicles.
3. The Jubilee Green Trust owns the land over which the proposed driveway is situated. The Jubilee Green Trust was formed by residents to purchase the green spaces in front of this group of houses. The purpose of the Trust is to preserve the green amenity. It is maintained by the residents at their expense. Over the years they have planted trees and created a wildlife area. The Trust support applications such as these, to remove the visual clutter of vehicles on the road, and for the reasons of road safety mentioned above.
4. The proposed driveway is on the line of an existing paved right of way owned by the Trust. There has been some discussion previously as to two aspects of this a) safety b) surfacing.
 - a) The Highways dept. of Cumbria County Council have examined the proposal and have not raised any issues of concern as to safety. (It is proposed to achieve a generous parking area in front of both properties to allow turning and forward facing exit).
 - b) Copeland BC have expressed a desire to 'preserve the green aspect of the area', (this is in accordance with the policy of the Jubilee Green Trust and the residents), the shared driveway proposed, reduces the potential of three hard surfaces crossing the green, (*the existing footway, driveway to no.31 and driveway to no.29*), and the resultant visual impact.
5. The proposed surface is self- draining tarmac. (*Ultidrive Porous by Tarmac CRH*). There has been some discussion as to whether a 'Grasscrete' or 'Netpave' product would be preferable. The applicant's view is that:
 - a. the tarmac will be a better surface for pedestrians using the right of way
 - b. will be easier to maintain than 'Grasscrete', or 'Netpave'; and more durable
 - c. is in line with the other driveways in Santon Way of which there are 6 no. in Santon Way crossing similar green areas, and many more throughout the village. In a survey the applicant could not find a 'Grasscrete' or 'Netpave' driveway anywhere, in the surrounding area.