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PLANNING AND ACCESS STATEMENT

**Proposed alterations to existing vehicular access, Nursery
Garden adjacent to The Croft, Kirksanton, Millom,
Cumbria, LA18 4NN**

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Proposal

- 1.1 The application site is 0.5 ha area of ground situated to the west of Kirksanton, Millom. Surrounded to the north, west and south by an extensive tree belt, the site was until recently used as a market garden. As the photograph on the front cover of this statement, and the photograph below, show there were several structures' on the site associated with that use, and although they have been removed their outlines remain clearly visible on the ground.



- 1.2 There are two existing and used vehicular accesses to the site: one at the northern end of the site direct from the A5093, the other at the southern end direct from the single tracked and unclassified U4074 narrow lane that leads from the village towards High Layriggs.
- 1.3 Both accesses are unsuitable for use by the type of machinery that is required to maintain the land and the trees – the latter access being narrow with height differences on either side, whilst the former (see photograph below) opens directly onto the A5093 with little visibility.





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- 1.4 The proposal involves significant improvements to the northern access i.e. onto the A5093, as detailed in the drawings accompanying this application. This stretch of the A5093, and therefore the existing access point, is within a 30mph speed limit zone and therefore we have sought to achieve minimum visibility splays of 2.4 X 60m and have set the gates 6m back from the back of the highway. This can be achieved without significant visual intrusion, and significantly improves highway safety over and above the current situation for vehicles entering and leaving the site, and users of the main road.
- 1.5 It is therefore requested that this application is approved.