

PLANNING STATEMENT PROPOSED AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENT AND PLANT STORAGE SHED AT FEILD 2619 ROTTINGTON ROAD SANDWITH

Planning Statement

The applicant owns the field and is an agricultural and general plant /groundworks contractor. He works all over South and West Cumbria but has no base for his plant storage near Sandwith where he resides.

Currently his plant is stored at various farm locations in the area where rent is paid to the Landlords. It is not an ideal situation for him and is not an efficient method of running his business.

The proposal therefore, is submitted on the basis that he wishes to bring all his plant in to one building, which will be in the village, (it is accepted it is on the south side of the village and not in the centre of the village), which would allow him to move all his plant off the farmsteads in to one central location, close to the village where he lives.

In any case, the centre of the village is mainly residential and this proposal would not sit well in the villagescape and is much more suited to be in the location as proposed.

The site has some existing trees and is not an open field, and soft landscaping would play an important part in minimising the impact of the proposed building on the landscape and would be far less intrusive than many other examples of sheds already erected under " notice of intent" regulations.

Plant which will be stored in the proposed building is listed below.

5 ton digger
2 ton digger
Dumper
John Deere Tractor
Tractor Tipping Trailer

It should also be noted that machinery will only be repaired at the site when broken. Movement at the site will occur at the start of the working day with plant leaving site and at the end of the working day when plant is then returned to safe storage in the shed. The site will not be operated during the day except when any machinery is required to be repaired.

The main focus of Mr Hoggs business will not be centred on the site. He carries out groundworking activities on construction sites all over West Cumbria. He also carries out agricultural work for farmers, on their land including tree felling, fencing erection work, hedge trimming and removal work and ground clearance work. He is not a plant hirer and no plant hiring business would be run from the site.

We therefore submit this statement on behalf of our client which explains the reasons behind the proposal, and the need for it, which would centralise the storage of his plant and provide security for the same.

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