

Agricultural Access Road at Fields West of Westerton of Petmathen

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Background

In April 2018 we purchased two fields at Westerton of Petmathen as shown in the location plan – these amount to around 27 acres in total. We submitted prior notification of our plans to construct an access road to service these fields (ref APP/2018/2089). Subsequently we also submitted prior notification of our plans for an agricultural shed (lambing shelter) near the centre of the fields (ref APP/2021/0480). We now plan a minor deviation of the originally planned route for the access road and an extension to it to service the agricultural shed.

Design

The road will be of simple construction: top soil removed and distributed on the remaining land; hardcore or found local stone as a base; recycled road material or Pitcaple quarry dust as a dressing. Drainage will be to the sides of the road onto the surrounding farmland.

Extension of Road

We had intended to undertake any livestock management required in these fields in outdoor handling areas, however experience suggests that indoor facilities would be more appropriate and we are currently constructing a shed for this purpose (ref APP/2018/2089). It is appropriate that we extend the road the short distance in order to service the shed.

Variation of Route

At the most Westerly side of the fields it had been our intention to bring the road straight up parallel to the shelter belt to approximately the mid-point of the North-South extent of the fields. However there is a particularly steep section of land approximately 40 yards short of the proposed end point of the road and we feel it would be more appropriate to modify the route to avoid the steepest area and connect with the proposed extension of the road to the new shed.