

## Planning and Design Statement

### Wingfield Barns and St Andrew Church Car Park Improvements

#### Existing.

Existing car park is located in a field adjacent to Wingfield Barns and falls within the Wingfield conservation area, it has been used by the Wingfield Barns and the St Andrew Church for parking for many decades. Currently there is a good hard standing access with hardstanding parking areas at the lower end of the site. The remaining grass area is used for parking with the whole area offering spaces for about 50-60 cars.

The field has a mixed native hedge and trees located on the boundaries which screen the site from the two roads.

#### Proposed.

The proposed scheme will increase the area of hardstanding to enable year round parking for the Barns and Church, currently parking in the winter on the grass areas is difficult with cars often getting stuck. The proposal will extent the parking area with a permeable local shingle surface to provide additional car parking as well as space for occasional coach drop off. Currently there is also close up disabled parking for the Barns, this is not being changed.

As part of the proposed scheme there will also be a small natural pond at the lower/north end of the site which will be used as a bio retention area to take excess water from the site, this will be linked to new finger drains which will be laid under the parking surface. The pond will be fenced off with a post and rail fence and a wildflower meadow seed mix will be sown around it, three new native trees will be planted along the new fence with a further two trees being planted in the car park area. There will be a small soil bund along the existing hedge around the site, this will be sown with a wildflower meadow seed mix, the purpose of this is to keep the parking away from the hedge and soften the appearance area.