

Design & Access Statement

**Reference: 4500-10
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**Proposed hard standing and storage container for use associated with main-
taining the land.
Land Adj: 8 Hasketon Road, Burgh, Suffolk. IP13 6SY.**

Introduction.

This design & access statement (DAS) has been prepared by Patrick Allen & Associates on behalf of the applicant in support of the planning application to East Suffolk District Council for the proposed provision of a hard-standing and storage container for use ancillary to the maintenance of the woodland & agricultural land. All as shown on the accompanying drawings.

The design & access statement demonstrates how the design of the project has evolved. It explores the evolution of the design and demonstrates how it has resulted in the proposed development presented.

Site;

The applicant owns the land located South of Hasketon Road, which is located within the village of Burgh to the West of Woodbridge. The actual application site consists of approximately 0.112 hectares, although the applicant owns the adjacent parcel of land extending to 18.2 hectares all as shown outlined in blue on the accompanying plan.

The public highway (Hasketon Road) defines the Northern boundary, from which vehicular access currently serves the land. Immediately East are residential properties, and to the West & South lies open countryside. The applicant owns and lives in the adjacent property; 8 Hasketon Road.

Use;

The proposed storage container is required to store various tools, machinery and equipment required in association with the maintenance of the land. The equipment is currently stored off-site, but for both security & operational reasons the applicant wishes to store this on site.

Scale & Appearance;

The proposed container structure is of a modest proportion. It is proposed to clad the structure in black featheredge boarding.

The form and materials proposed should ensure that the structure has the aesthetic of a traditional rural structure. The proposed materials should ensure that the rural setting of the immediate area is maintained.

The proposed hardstanding is required to the access point to enable machinery to access the site. The access is currently unsurfaced which has led to machinery getting stuck during periods of prolonged rainfall that we have been experiencing. The hardstanding will be constructed in a permeable 'no-dig' construction.

Design & Layout.

The design and layout of the proposals are clearly set out on the submitted application drawings. The hardstanding is located adjacent to the access gates that serve the land.

The proposed storage container has been sited near the applicant's property, close to existing buildings to mitigate any concerns of a new structure within the countryside.

Access;

The existing vehicular access will be provided with a bound surface such as a concrete apron for the first 5m, situated where the existing gates are located. The existing gates are to be retained.



Existing access

Landscape;

There are no alterations proposed to the existing landscaping. The site is to a large extended self-contained, screened by existing vegetation which it is proposed to retain.

Conclusion.

To summarise the proposal would not materially alter the character of this well-established area, or the surrounding countryside.