

Design and Access Statement

Proposed Access Track and Field Shelter

Former Amberley Farm, Bishopstone Lane, Ansty, West Sussex, RH17 5AR

Introduction	This statement has been prepared to describe the rationale behind the design of the proposed access track and field shelter at the above site. The entire plot comprises a paddock with an area of approx. 0.76Ha that previously formed part of Amberley Farm. The property is not listed, nor is it situated in a conservation area. The current planning application is for the construction of an access track, between the new entrance (approved under planning application ref DM/25/2591) and the existing machinery store (approved under planning application ref BD/24/2120), and the provision of a moveable field shelter.
Use	The proposed track will provide all weather access to the machinery store. The Field shelter will provide vital poor weather protection for animals grazing the site.
Amount	The access track will have a length of approximately 71m and an overall width of 2.7m. The gross floor area of the proposed field shelter is 28.44m².
Layout	The proposed access track has been aligned so as to avoid the root protection areas of the existing trees. The proposed field shelter will be positioned adjacent to the extant machinery store.
Scale	The field shelter will have rectangular footprint, with dimensions of 7.90m by 3.60m, with a 1.00m deep overhanging roof at the front. The eaves height will be of 2.14 and it will have an overall ridge height of 2.90m. The mature trees along the roadside boundary will effectively hide the track and field shelter from road users.
Landscaping	The building will not have a floor slab and no further landscaping enhancements are currently proposed.
Design and Appearance	The track will be constructed by removing the top soil only, following which crushed stone will be laid over a geotextile membrane. The walls of the field shelter will be constructed with stained softwood cladding under a black corrugated onduline cladding. The field shelter will sit on "skids".
Access	Access to the site is made via a recently constructed entrance (see above) and is step free. Having no floor, the field shelter will also have step free access.

Ecology

The following wildlife enhancements will also be made:
Provision of a general bird box
Provision of a bat box
Provision of an “insect house”

Site Photographs



Existing machinery shed



Route of the proposed access track (from the machinery store looking towards the site entrance)



The recently constructed site entrance