

Planning Statement and Heritage Statement

As already mentioned in the Heritage Statement the plot of land is adjacent to the property.

The potential car park space/layby would be the standard size of a car park space being 2-2.4 metres wide by 4.8 metres long.

The current grass verge potentially from the telegraph pole towards the property would need to be removed.

The existing hedge at the back of the grass verge will not be affected by the proposal.

The footpath would also need to be diverted north of the telegraph pole towards the road. As previously mentioned, we feel that this will be a lot safer for pedestrians crossing the road.

The proposed material would be a permeable paving grass grid either made of concrete or recycled plastic.

We are already aware that permeable paving grass grid of concrete is already adopted in Balcombe on the village green near the general store and pub

We feel that using a permeable grass grid is more in keeping with the conservation area than to use tarmac that has been used elsewhere in various laybys in the village. This will also help to alleviate surface water.

To ensure that the remainder of the grass verge is kept as it is, we propose that a hedge of approximately 3ft high between the new diverted footpath and the car park space is planted. A gap of 1 metre wide would be left so visitors to the house can still use the side access rather than walking in the road.

The owners of the property would be responsible for all works and maintaining the area from the new planted hedge to the property.

We feel that the proposed works will increase the area of green landscape and therefore complies with the relevant national, regional and local planning policies.