

Statement concerning existing and continued use of the land associated with application 26/1693.

In addition to my planning statement, submitted in connection with this application, I would like to provide some additional context regarding the current and future use of the land, as requested.

The land is currently in agricultural use, and we already keep poultry on site as part of our smallholding activities. Looking ahead, we hope to expand the agricultural use of the land to include sheep and potentially other livestock.

In order to achieve this, it is important that the land can be accessed safely and practically. At present, the topography of the site makes access very difficult. The steep and uneven nature of the land creates challenges for machinery and vehicles, which are needed for routine maintenance and management of the holding.

Creating this access track would allow us to carry out essential agricultural tasks more effectively, including maintaining the land, repairing and installing fencing, and undertaking general husbandry and welfare activities. It would also make it possible to safely transport livestock to and from the site and facilitate the delivery of feed, bedding, and other materials required for the day-to-day operation of the holding.

The intention behind the proposed works is simply to improve the practical management and accessibility of the land that is already in use, while supporting our future plans to keep sheep and other livestock. This proposal is not intended to change the character of the land, but rather to enable its continued and enhanced agricultural use.

I hope this additional information is helpful in your consideration of the application and thank you for the opportunity to give this clarification.