

DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT:

Proposed Works:

This application concerns the proposed refurbishment of the existing toilet block, to accommodate an office area for a Park Ranger, as well as extra storage. The male and female toilets will also be modernised during the works.

Vertical timber weather boards will cover the front elevation. All new windows, doors, roof lights, fascia and soffits to be timber, with double glazing where necessary.

A new pump room will also be created to house a water pump and additional cleaning units to purify water provided from new bore hole pump system.

As part of the works our intention is to landscape the immediate area surrounding the toilet block. This will include the removal of some small trees and shrubs, the laying of new paving areas including a dark skies area and a seating. This will provide extra interest and interaction for visitors to the area, as well as improving the aesthetics of the area as a whole.

Site Location:

The site is located at Bulby's Wood, Ingram, Northumberland, NE66 4LT.

Description of Existing Scenario:

Bulby's Wood car park and toilet block is currently used on a daily basis by visitors to the area. It is positioned alone, surrounded by dense trees in Ingram Valley.

The building itself is finished with painted render walls to the front and rear, and sandstone walls to the gable elevations. It has white timber framed windows with an opening pivot, timber doors and a natural slate pitched roof.

The building is detached and set within its own ample grounds with tarmac car park, grassed areas and numerous trees.

The fixtures, furnishings and finishes are all outdated, the building is cold and dark, and the only water is provided by a water tank positioned at high level which has to be filled up regularly by hand.

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Description of Proposed Scenario:

The proposed works will in no way disturb or impact directly upon the surrounding area of Ingram. Due to the trees and shrubs, the building will remain discreet from view upon the approach from the adjacent roadside, as well as from the numerous walkways and trails which are used by the public. The removal of certain small trees directly outside the front elevation will not impact greatly on the view of the building, but will allow for a neatly finished landscape to suit visitors to the area. In keeping with the existing construction and finishes, the building will maintain a natural look and remain free from immediate view.

The new amenities will make the building a lot more pleasant for visitors, with the building itself and surrounding area greatly improved also.

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