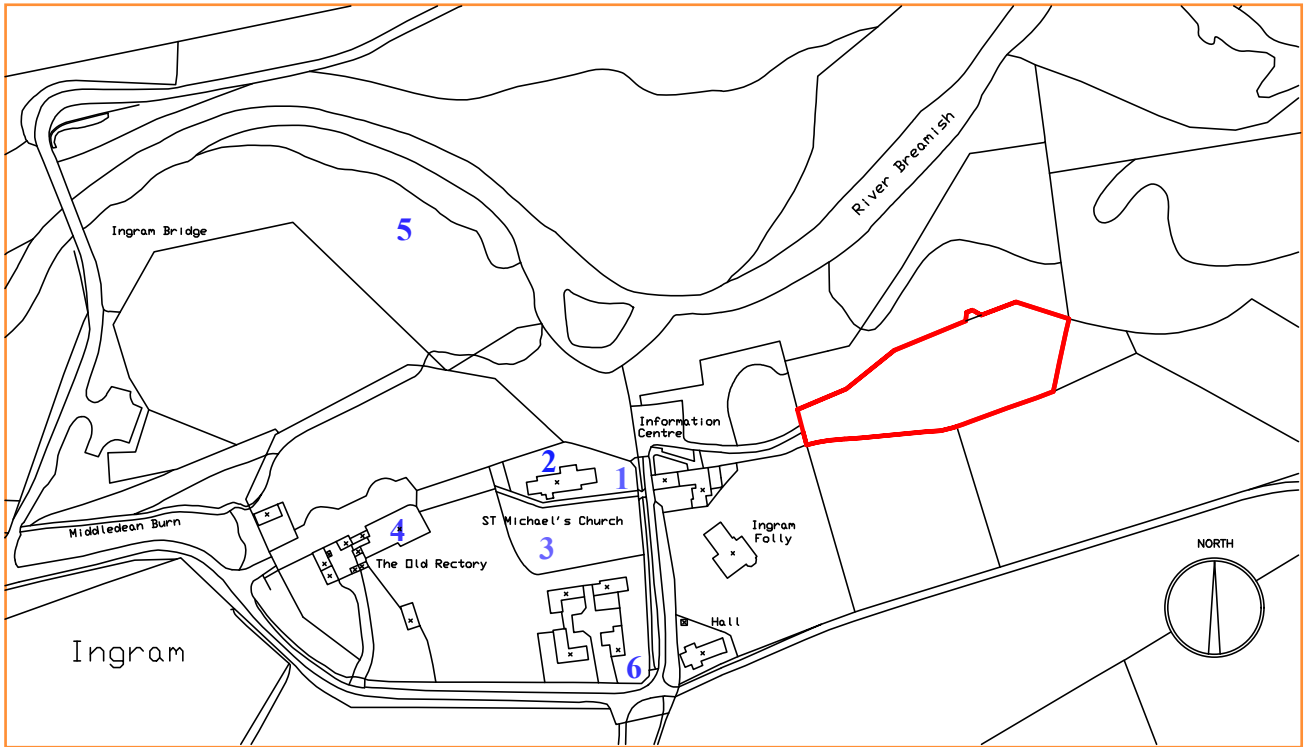


Shepherds Huts, Ingram, Alnwick
Northumberland NE66 4LT

Proposed Holiday Development

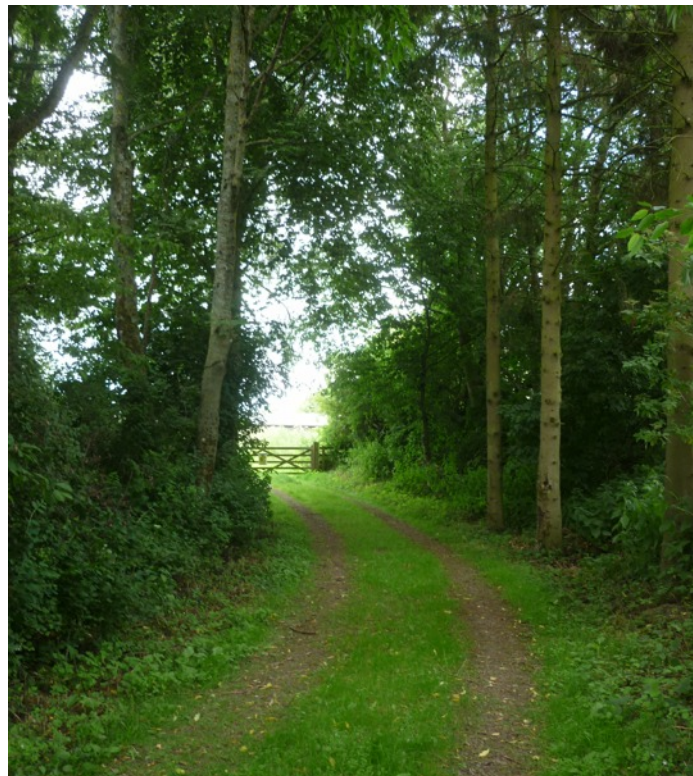
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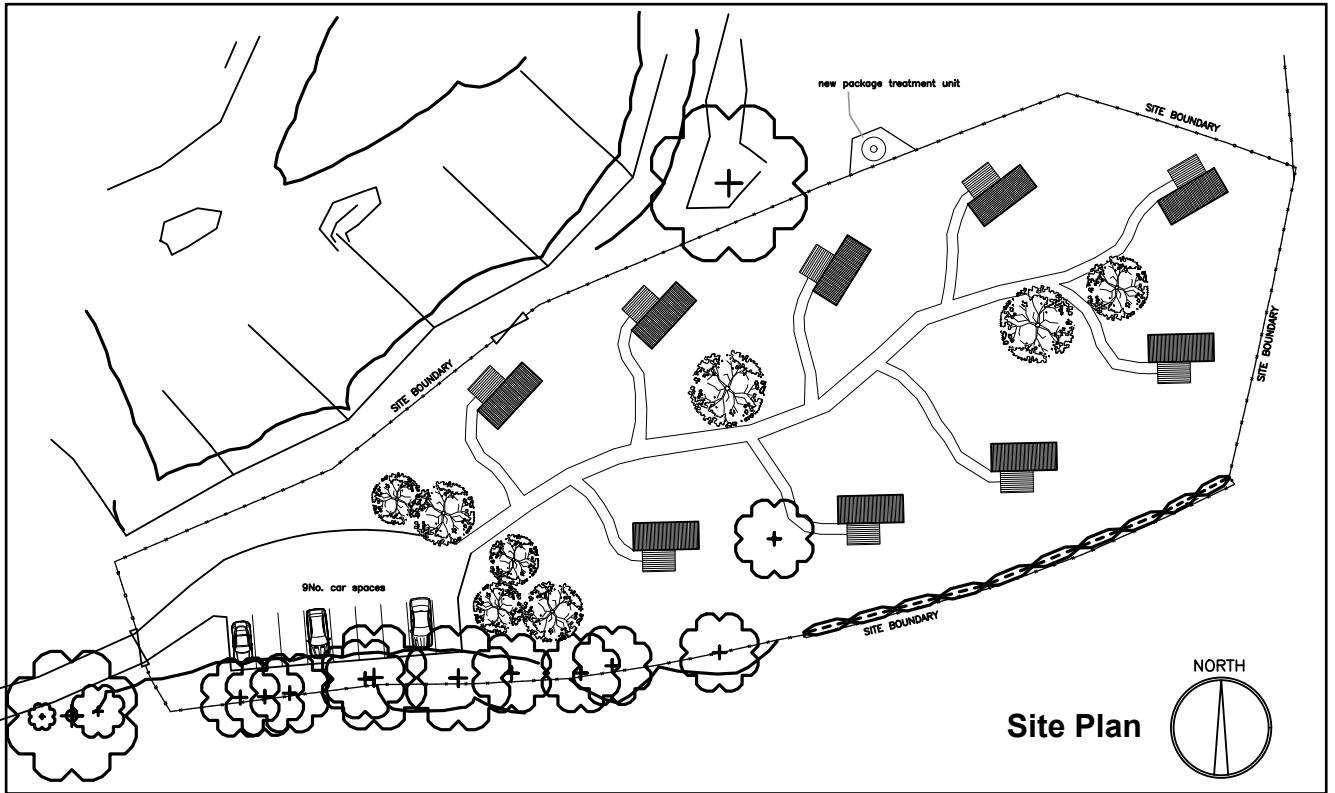
Location plan

1 Location

The site is located to the East of the small village of Ingram. Access is from the end of the road adjacent to the car park opposite the Visitor Information Centre. This existing site access cuts through a small copse of trees which screens the site from the village. The site boundary is formed by the existing post and wire fence beyond which to the North, South and West are areas planted with hedges and trees.



Access to the site



2 Background

The site has had several previous uses including as an informal camping area and as a base for the National Parks who have 2 storage sheds adjacent to the entrance. The site area is approximately 0.875 acres.

The site has an existing power and water supply and foul drainage via a septic tank. Each of the shepherds huts will be provided with power and water and a foul connection to a new package treatment plant. Parking for 9 No. cars is to be provided adjacent to the site entrance with gravel footpaths to small areas of decking adjacent each hut.



View looking west

3 Heritage Assets in the vicinity of the site

The Northumberland HER identifies the following heritage assets within 200 metres of the site, noted on the location plan on page 2:

- 1 The lychgate to the Church of St Michael, built about 1920, Grade II Listed, Ref N3128
- 2 Church of St Michael, built 13th & 14th Century although base of tower dates back to 11th Century, Grade II* Listed, Ref N3106
- 3 Monument to John Barteram, 18th Century gravestone, Grade II Listed, Ref N3129
- 4 The Vicarage, built early 19th Century with late 19th Century additions, Grade II Listed, ref N3130
- 5 Tower, 16th Century fortified tower, no remains Ref N3099
- 6 Ditches and gullies, medieval features Ref N22593

4 Effect of the proposed development on the Heritage Assets

The site is over 100 metres from the nearest Heritage asset and is screened from them by the surrounding trees and therefore will not have any adverse affect.



Church of St Michael

5 Design

The shepherds huts are designed to have a traditional appearance but are fitted out with modern conveniences having electricity, water and drainage. A small shower room with wc is at one end with a fold down bed at the opposite end. The living space inbetween has a range of kitchen fittings (sink, cooker & fridge) and opposite a log burning stove.



Each hut has timber framed walls, insulated with sheeps wool, and a curved corrugated steel roof all built off a steel and timber floor base with cast iron wheels. Double glazed windows and a half glazed pair of outward opening doors provide plenty of light and ventilation.



The external panels can be painted in a subtle range of colours in contrast to the exposed timber frame.

6 Conclusion

- The proposals represent a sustainable low impact use of the site having little physical affect on the surrounding environment.
- The shepherds huts provide a low density use for the site with a form of accommodation which is not available elsewhere locally.
- The proposals can be developed with minimal additional infrastructure.
- The existing landscape screens the proposals and therefore the development will not significantly affect the setting of the Heritage Assets closest to the site.
- The proposals provide a suitable use for a site that has not been used for agricultural purposes for several years.