

Design & Access Statement

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Paddock adjoining
The Cottage
Elmesthorpe Lane
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INTRODUCTION

The above paddock was purchased by us with The Cottage 18 months ago. The paddock is approximately 1 acre and had fallen into an unusable state due to lack of maintenance over many years. We have spent the past 18 months restoring the land, hedgerows and fencing and propose to open the paddock to the public in the form of a business to give opportunity for recall training and off lead walking of dogs by the dog's owner.

ACCESS

The above paddock used to be accessed from the road via a farm gate. This area has been taken over by hedgerow and we would prefer not to disturb this foliage and propose that access will be through the border fence to The Cottage from the parking area already in place. The paddock is on a no through road and this part of the road only serves 3 residents other than us.

LOCAL AMENITIES

There are several public parks in Earl Shilton and The Common is approximately 1 mile away. We have many dog walkers passing The Cottage daily and feel that the provision of a 'lead free' area would be worthwhile and enhance the opportunities available to dog owners already using this route.

PROPOSAL/DESIGN

We do not propose to change the paddock in any way, existing trees and hedgerows will remain intact and access to the paddock will be through a gateway in the 6-foot border fence that separates the paddock from The Cottage. Parking is available for 3 cars on the current driveway, 1 of which will be solely dedicated to the user of the paddock. Waste disposal has been considered and initially customers will be asked to take any waste home. Should the renting out of paddock time become successful, we have sourced a dog waste removal company who will be employed to remove waste from bins supplied for our property.

FINDINGS

We consider that the availability of a secure, lead off exercise area for dogs would be of value to the local community.