

WOODEND GARDEN ASSOCIATION – PLANNING STATEMENT

BROOMLEA KELSO, TD5 7RB

1.0 Application

This application refers to land between No 46 Broomlea, Kelso, TD5 7RB and the adjacent sewerage works. This site is currently grassed over is owned by Scottish Borders Council. Below indicates the extent of the site.



The applicant are a group of local residents who are passionate about the local area have formed the Woodend Garden Association and are is currently agreeing a 10 year lease for the site.

The application requests a change of use to the land from a grassed area cut by the local council to a community garden area for the purposes of growing fruit and vegetables for domestic use only.

The land will be maintained by the Woodend Garden Association and will reduced the areas of grassed cutting for the local council, whilst providing additional facilities to the community.

Community gardens contribute to a healthy lifestyle by:

- providing fresh, safe, affordable herbs, fruits and vegetables
- helping to relieve stress and increase sense of wellness
- getting people active, which improves overall physical health
- providing social opportunities that build a sense of community and belonging
- giving people an opportunity to learn and share knowledge on gardening, nature, and cooking
- build welcoming, safer communities
- improve the look of neighbourhoods
- connect people to nature

- educate people on where food comes from and provide opportunity for people, especially in urban spaces, to engage with their food system
- provide an inclusive meeting area where people of all ages and cultural backgrounds can come together to share experiences and knowledge

2.0 Existing Photographs of the site

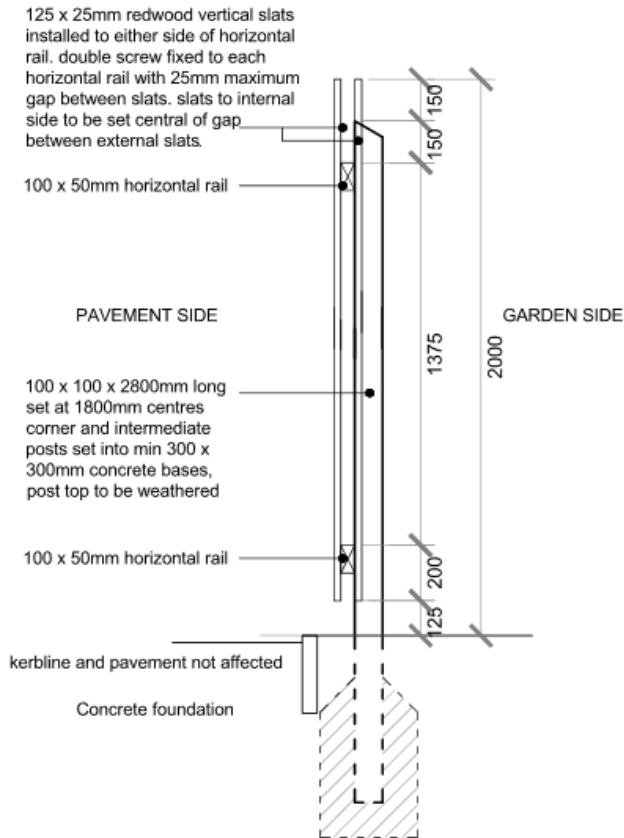


3.0 New Additions

To secure the site, the applicant also requests as part of this application to erect a 2m hit and miss fence along the pavement, this will have a locked maintenance access gate from the south east boundary. No boundary will be formed to the North boundary and will be left open from the cul de sac of Nos 43-50 Broomlea, along the agreed 1m right of way shown green on the plan.

The fence has been set back at the entrance to the Sewerage works to maintain a good visibility splay to the entrance and exit of the site. Please see extract below from drawing 1920 – 01P1 attached with this application.





Typical Fence Detail

The boundary to sewerage works is unaffected and retained.

The existing services noted on the plans including lamppost, and manhole are left unaffected.

In addition to the proposed fence, the applicant would also like to erect a locked 3m x 2m timber shed on paving slabs to store garden equipment as shown on the above plans

Woodend Garden Association would be responsible to maintaining the whole area, including repair and maintenance of the fences, gate and shed during the lease. All grassed areas will be mown, and any paths will be kept clear.

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