Statement from Applicant in relation to hard standing application at Waterside

I am writing to provide details on recent improvements to the hardstanding on our property, which we have implemented to address significant access challenges due to water levels and runoff management.

One of our primary challenges at Waterside has been managing water levels to maintain reliable access across the land. Previously, the condition of the ground posed difficulties, particularly for larger vehicles accessing our septic tank, with one instance requiring towing after a vehicle became stuck. To mitigate this, we've installed natural bunding and enhanced drainage features to help direct water flow toward the stream to the west of our property, allowing for more effective water runoff and preventing pooling in key areas.

The area has been so waterlogged that during the storms we've had trees come down predominantly willow and Ash that have sat blocking the ground until we could get access.

We have also made minor adjustments to our existing hardstanding, adding less than 20 Meters Perimeter to improve accessibility.
We're planning to move business vehicles and temporary storage away from the house, this adjustment will support better organization and allow us to focus on regreening and creating a garden area around the annexe. The property has had unsealed hardstanding in place for several years, as shown on Google Maps from April 2020. This minor increase will be balanced with greening efforts to enhance the natural environment within the site. We will also be able to replant healthy trees that are suitable for this type of ground.