

AGRICULTURAL LAND CLASSIFICATION

Proposed Trunk Road Service Station
on the Western Side of the A1/A168
Interchange, Dishforth, North Yorkshire

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moderately or very stony horizons. Droughtiness assessments indicate that soils of this type will be slightly droughty, especially for potatoes.

1.4 Agricultural Land Classification

Grade 2 (6.9 hectares/56% of area)

Land in this grade consists of freely drained unmottled, slightly stony, medium or fine sandy loam topsoils over similar subsoils. There is no wetness or workability limitation (Wetness Class I) but slight droughtiness restricts this land to no better than grade 2.

Subgrade 3a (1.5 hectares/13% of area)

Soils in this subgrade are similar to those within Grade 2. Subsoils, however, are slightly lighter, usually of loamy medium or fine sand and stone content is higher throughout the profile. Consequently the available water capacity is reduced making this land more droughty and limiting it to subgrade 3a.

Subgrade 3b (1.0 hectare/9% of area)

All the 3b land contains topsoils with many or abundant stones. These will impede cultivation, harvesting and crop growth sufficiently to limit the land to subgrade 3b.

Non Agricultural (1.6 hectares/14% of area)

This category contains a variety of land uses associates with construction of the recently completed Dishforth flyover. These include soil dumps, temporary office accommodation and vehicle storage compounds.

Urban (0.9 hectares/8% of area)

The newly constructed Dishforth-Ripon C road falls within the survey area and is placed within the urban category.