

Hi there

Can we please add to 20-00563-FUL as incoming info agent.

Thanks

From: Jim Burns
Sent: 04 January 2023 11:34
To: Niamh Bonner
Subject: FW: East Lilling Grange Farm

Dear Niamh

Further to your request to respond to Councillor Goodrick concern on the new stable size.

Firstly mat I refer to our earlier written submission.

Item 1. Clarification on horse numbers

Secondly I show below further information from the site owners.

Item 2 Further Response

1. Clarification on Horse numbers

Presently the Equestrian Business that is East Lilling Grange Farm has between 15 and 20 horse on site, numbers vary as horses are sold or purchased. Horses are also stabled during extended teaching or training. Horses are also owned and kept outside the UK, from 10 to 20 horses at any one time.

The increase of international teaching and training together with the need to isolate before competitions is the requirement for the new isolation stabling.

It is anticipated that the new isolation stable barn will have around 60% occupancy as riders and teams come and go using the facility and the facility is cleaned between each occupancy.

So in general terms an increase on average of around 7 to 8 additional horses can be expected on the premises.

2. Further Response

The training provided by Ian & Heidi Woodhead is of the highest level, and professional and amateur riders have attended in preparation for National and International competitions, including Championships and Olympics.

When competition riders have visited for training in previous years, there have often been up to 10 horses requiring stabling.

It is common for professional riders to travel long distances, to train and compete with a lorry carrying up to 5 or 6 horses.

If two or three riders, or an international team, are attending a clinic during an extended period of training, the horses need accommodating in the most effective, safe and appropriate way. Horses that we are hoping to accommodate on a short term basis (i.e: 1 or 2 night stop over), travel frequently to competitions and mix with various other equine athletes.

This increases the chance of infection being carried between venues and therefore the risk of spreading to equines living on site.

We would expect around a 60% occupancy might be the norm but there might be times when the stables would be full.

A unit of 12 boxes was requested in order to facilitate the ongoing business demand in the most practical and environmentally friendly way.

Previously this was provided by temporary tented stabling, which has now been removed as requested.

It is intended that the barn is going to be used to enable the separation of horses living on site from horses that are visiting for training purposes.

The barn is not intended as a quarantine facility - it is to enable the safe separation of horses to minimise the potential spread of infection.

It is important to endeavour to ensure the biosecurity of all equines on the premises at all times.

Hope the above is useful

Whilst writing have you heard back from your Barrister, also will we get to February Meeting?

Kind regards and best wishes for 2023.

Jim

RBDA