

Ms H McCartney  
Planning Services  
Ribble Valley Borough Council  
Council Offices  
Church Walk  
Clitheroe  
BB7 2RA



15 August 2019

Ref: 038002/L002

Dear Ms McCartney,

**PROPOSED EQUESTRIAN/AGRICULTURAL FACILITIES AT ELMRIDGE FARM, ELMRIDGE LANE,  
CHIPPING, PR3 2NY – 3/2019/0690**

Further to planning application reference 3/2019/0690, we write to provide the additional information requested in your email dated 5 August 2019. We respond to each matter below in the order that they are raised in your email.

**Agricultural Information Form**

Please find enclosed a completed form.

The Agricultural Holding Number is awaiting confirmation, with the Applicant currently in liaison with DEFRA with regard to transferring the existing holding number from their current address to the application site.

Whilst the land will predominantly be used for pasture, the Applicant intends to take a cut of hay each year. The area of land allocated to '*meadow*' on the attached is an estimate as the Applicant has not run a holding from this site previously.

**Justification for Stables**

The submitted Planning Statement confirms that the Applicant owns four horses, which are rode by Mrs Talyor and her daughter. As detailed, Miss Taylor is a competitive dressage rider who competes across the UK and is progressing through the ranks towards the FEI international level. She, therefore, needs a number of horses to train and compete on.

On the basis that the Applicant owns four horses, four individual stables are provided within the proposed building. Each horse requires an individual stable.

## Sheep Grazing and Lambing

The Applicant currently has a flock of 14 ewes, 18 lambs and 1 ram. The flock is typically larger than this, but a number of animals (10) have recently been sold in anticipation of the impending move to the application site.

The flock will graze the two fields located immediately to the north and south of Elmridge Farm, which are within the red and blue lines identified on the submitted Site Location Plan.

Lambing will be undertaken within the proposed building. The submitted floor plan of the proposed barn identifies a 'Wash Down Area/Sheep Pens'. This area will be used for lambing, with the horses being washed down externally during lambing season.

## Access

Access to the proposed barn and menage will be taken from an existing 4m wide gate, which has direct access from the tarmac driveway that serves Elmridge Farm and the neighbouring properties. This will be evident on a site visit.

A loose stone track will be laid running from the access gate to the hard standing around the proposed barn, with a further track leading on to the menage. The track will be 4m wide and have a total length of approximately 63m (34m from the access gate to the barn and 29m from the barn to the menage).

We trust that the above and enclosed provides the required detail, but please be in touch if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,



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