

Eatoughs Farm, Fleet Street Lane, Ribchester PR3 3XE.
Proposed riding arena, stables, storeroom, hard standing
and access.



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Land Management and Storage Statement October 2025

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PLANNING APPLICATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RIDING ARENA, STABLES, STOREROOM, HARD STANDING AND ACCESS AT EATOUGH'S FARM, FLEET STREET LANE, RIBCHESTER PR3 3XE

LAND MANAGEMENT AND STORAGE REQUIREMENTS STATEMENT

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The land management and storage requirements statement has been prepared by Judith Douglas Town Planning Ltd in support of a full planning application for a riding arena, stables, storeroom, hard standing and access to be used in association with the land at Eatoughs Farm.
- 1.2 The statement will describe the care of the land and equipment used and the storage requirements for equipment, bedding, feed and tack required for the care of the horses.

2 Land Management

- 2.1 The proposed riding arena will be used for training, dressage and exercising the horses. The land will be used for horse grazing. In the winter the arena will be used to turn the horses out into during the day to prevent the land from being churned up and spoiled by the horses' hooves.
- 2.2 To keep the riding surface of the arena in good condition it will be harrowed and levelled at least once a week, more in winter. The harrow and leveller are pulled by a mini tractor see image 1. The field will be kept in good condition by a chain harrow to remove thatch and dead grass and to level the surface. The harrow aerates the soil to improve water and air infiltration which helps to stimulate new grass growth. "Poo picking" equipment is used to remove manure from the arena and from the field if needed. The equipment is expensive, and secure storage is desirable to deter theft and to prolong the life of the equipment.

3 Feed and bedding

- 3.1 Hay bales need to be stored under cover. They measure 1.37m in diameter. A minimum of two are needed for practicality and cost purposes as the delivery often costs as much as the bale, and it would not be eco-friendly to just transport one bale (see image 2). They weigh circa 20 – 25kg so can't be moved once delivered.

3.2 The horses are bedded on shavings. The shavings come in 75cm x 44cm x 32cm bales and are delivered in a minimum of 10 bales, again it is not cost or environmentally friendly to do purchase less. See image 3. Feed and supplements are store in airtight containers to keep the contents fresh and dry and to deter vermin.

3.3 Equipment used to clean the stables include a wheelbarrow, shovel and brushes.

4 Tack storage

4.1 The applicant has four saddles which are kept on stands. The saddles are for jumping, dressage, a country saddle and a pony saddle. Other tack includes bridles, tack, saddle pads, grooming equipment, massage equipment, first aid, horse bandages, riding boots, helmets, air jacket, back protector, and coats. Due to the climate, lots of rugs are needed to be stored – they fall into 4 categories

- Turnout rugs
- Stable rugs
- Competition rugs
- Fly rugs & exercise sheets

4.2 Space is needed within the storage area to providing shelving to store tack where it can be accessed easily when needed.

5 Conclusion

5.1 We have demonstrated the need for storage of the size proposed for equipment, tack, fed and bedding necessary for the proper care of the horses and land.



1 Mini-tractor



2 .Part used hay bale. Bale size when delivered 1.37m in diameter



3. Wood shavings used for bedding