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To: h.saunders@northyorkmoors.org.uk

Subject: Re: New application post - NYM/2020/0182/FL - Grouse Hill Caravan Park, Blacksmith Hill, Fylingdales - Third Party

Dear Hilary,

Thank you for this. However the response is either disingenous or lacking in awareness of the regulations. It appears very clear that the applicant is intending to hire out their own horses - in other words charge money for people to ride them. This means that they must take out a suitable licence and insurance, as shown in The Animal Welfare (Licensing of activities involving animals) Regulations 2018 - https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/762420/animal-welfare-licensing-hiring-out-horses.pdf.

This applies whether the hire / riding of horses takes place within the applicant's own land or outside it, however low-key. It doesn't apply where horses aren't ridden, e.g. for mucking out, etc, nor for people bringing their own horses on holiday.

This seems a little tangential to the planning issue, though of course it's related - it would be difficult to sanction the development knowing that the applicant isn't - at present - intending to apply for the correct licences. I am not reassured by the consultant's comment that: "this site it isn't a riding school at the moment, hence why the Applicant does not yet have a license. Should this be a requirement in the future all reasonable steps will be taken to proceed with this."

In order to allow the activities described in the application to proceed, this is certainly a requirement, so it should be applied for in tandem with the planning application.

Best regards,

Janet

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From: [Planning](#)
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Subject: Comments on NYM/2020/0182/FL - Case Officer Mrs H Saunders - Received from Dr Janet Cochrane at Ride Yorkshire Foundation, 57 Muncastergate, York, YO31 9JX
Date: 09 April 2020 14:34:07

I am commenting on this application in my capacity as Director of Ride Yorkshire, which aims to promote leisure riding opportunities in Yorkshire.

While the conversion of the former chicken shed to loose-boxes appears realistic in terms of space and use of a redundant building, there are few details of the 'equine experiences' to be provided in the proposed application, and those that are given appear to be inconsistent with the proposed development. The location of Grouse Hill Caravan Park is not conducive to hacking out, especially for the inexperienced riders who are likely to be the principal market, as the proposal mentions that they are aiming at people staying at the caravan park. Reaching the nearest bridleway or quiet lane requires riding for at least 0.4 mile along the main A171, which would be dangerous for most novice riders, and it does not appear that there is sufficient land at the caravan park itself for riding around. The owners do not appear to hold a current Council license for operating a riding school, meaning that they do not have insurance for hiring out their own horses to customers.

Similarly, people are unlikely to want to bring their own horses on holiday to this location because of its proximity to the main road and the distance to the bridleway network.

Comments made by Dr Janet Cochrane of Ride Yorkshire Foundation, 57 Muncastergate, York, YO31 9JX

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