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

Morning Hilary

I do hope you are well. Thank you forwarding this to me.

I would like to respond to Dr Janet Cochrane's comments as follows:

- This proposal supports the NYMNP's positive approach to horse riding:
<https://www.northyorkmoors.org.uk/visiting/enjoy-outdoors/horse-riding>.
- The paddocks alone offer 24 acres of riding space. There is no intention for visitors to try and ride down the A171.
- All riding will be supervised by an experienced rider and the proposal here is for small scale , low key equine use only.
- Riders who are inexperienced will ride in the paddocks under close supervision. A key element of this rural experience will be learning about the horses including mucking out, riding safety, grooming and preparing for a riding experience.
- More experienced riders will want to go further afield and the NYMNP actually promote riding. As the website says :

"Tracks through beautiful woodland, along disused railways and sandy beaches, bridleways across miles of open heather moorland, and quiet country lanes, the North York Moors is a superb choice for a day's exploring on horseback or a trekking holiday. There are more than 800km/500 miles of bridleways in the National Park alone, so your choice of routes is practically endless."

- Those more experienced riders will no doubt take their horse via a horsebox to experience the National Parks 500 miles of bridleways should the wish.

- The existing rural tourism business is family run and the owners would discuss with any potential visitor their riding experience, and will assist in preparing a program in advance of their arrival to ensure that if a visitor wishes to ride – this will be carefully managed.
- Obviously, it is unlikely visitors would turn up with their own horse without careful planning. The owners would assist with any plans well in advance of a stay. It is envisaged, however, that most visitors will simply want a basic riding experience.
- The total landholding is approximately 100 Acres, including the Woodland.
- I would like to clarify 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.

I hope this clarifies the issues raised. Any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

With best regards

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