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Comments in relation to

Application number SMD/2016/0343 Land to North of Broadhurst Farm Leek Road, Waterhouses - Provision of a horse riding arena adjacent to existing stables

The planning application for a hosre riding arena has no occumpanying ecological assessment of the land for the proposed for the location of the 20x40m nor the surrounding land. The application cannot be determined until an eciological assessment has been provided by the applicant.

As a minimum I would expect a Priliminary Ecological Assessment (PEA) to standards advocated by the Chartered Instituite of Ecology and Environmental Mangment (CIEEM). See: http://www.cieem.net/guidance-on-preliminary-ecological-appraisal-gpea-

This must be carried out by a suitably qualified ecological consultant with the competencies advised by the CIEEM.

Ecological enhancement should be submitted with the application. These may include

- Creation of native hedge planing around the arena.
- Bird nesting opprtunities on the adjacent stables for housesparrow, starling and house martin
- Species rich grassland creation on reshaped banking created.

Hedgerows and species rich grassland are both priority habitats

Regards

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