



Little Rock Equine Vets Ltd
Lane Ends House
Clay Lake
Endon
ST9 9DD
18th November 2021

To whom it may concern,

Application: SMD/2021/0638

Mr Richard Wood, Phoenix Stables, Ipstones Edge, ST13 7QL.

I am writing in support of the application for Arena lights at this property. It is currently run as a livery yard. From a vet perspective, when attending out of hours emergencies having the ability to see a horse move clearly is an important part of our work and is vital in the diagnosis of some emergency medical conditions. It is also vital from a health and safety aspect that those who are dealing with horses in pain (in the case of colic) aren't put in danger because of a lack of light.

In the case of general welfare and weight management, it is vital that horses are exercised on a daily basis. This reduces the risk of laminitis, colic, weight gain, torn tendons and other life ending medical conditions. I feel that it would be of great detriment to the overall health of the horses kept on this yard, not to be able to exercise outside the daylight hours, especially in the winter months where the day length is short. Horse owners have to work to be able to afford the animals under their care and therefore riding during daylight hours in the winter is very difficult to do alongside a normal job. I would highly advise that the lights are allowed in the case of both human safety and animal welfare in this case. If you have any further questions relating to this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me on

Yours sincerely

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