

Creation of a stable block - Leek Cricket club – November 2023.

On behalf of Leek Cricket club, I would be grateful if you would find enclosed a planning application for the creation of stable block at the above site.

The proposed stable block will replace the current dilapidated stable (to be demolished) located adjacent to the public highway and will house two horses to help manage the land. The design of the building takes its cues from the existing stable block and will have a similar ridge height and pallet of materials (preserved timber walls and a corrugated sheet roof).

With hindsight, the location of the current stable is considered detrimental to the ongoing condition of the field due to poor drainage and steep topography and has resulted in the wet conditions which have been detrimental to the health of horses previously kept on the land. It is believed the relocation of the stable will result in drier conditions and a better environment in which to keep equine stock.

It is also proposed to improve the boundary of the field by upgrading and renewing the fences and walls which will aesthetically improve the landscape.

The application site lies on the outskirts of a built-up area on the edge of town with mixed residential, industrial and semi-rural landscapes all apparent. The site is in an area where in the erection of stables is generally considered acceptable, as it constitutes an outdoor recreation use and meets a local rural need.

The site benefits from a strong degree of screening from the public domain afforded by the hedgerows and trees flanking the field as well as the general topography of the site. As per the stables previously constructed on the site, the building will be of modest structure and constructed from a muted pallet of materials. It will have the appearance of a functional building for animal housing and not appear incongruous within its surroundings.

Having regard to the considerations set out above, it is concluded that the proposed development meets the requirements of policies SS1, SS10, DC1 and DC3 of the Staffordshire Moorlands Local plan and consequently there is a compelling case for the planning permission to be granted.

I trust this proposal will be of interest, or should you have any queries or concerns in respect of the application and I would welcome the opportunity to discuss them with you.

Yours sincerely

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Leek Cricket Club committee member