

## Appendix

### Freeland Farm, Westwell

The application proposes a new equestrian centre to assist in the training of 2 competing eventers. It is a rural enterprise that will employ a manager and 2 grooms, but as it is proposed to serve 2 private individuals there will not be significant amounts of activity or visits to and from the site.

The design has been developed through a series of pre-application meetings with Officers and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their assistance. We sought to propose a traditional series of buildings to provide the main stabling and associated accommodation with the main training areas covered with a lightweight structure to allow year round training. Due to the siting and existing trees, buildings and walls it will not be intrusive from surrounding public vantage points and will improve the appearance of the site by replacing existing, now somewhat tired, agricultural buildings.

The proposals also provide for significant enhancements to the surrounding landscape, including bringing large areas out of arable cultivation back into pasture, significant tree planting and the repair and reinstatement of the drystone walls within and surrounding the land.

We hope members will support these proposals and are happy to answer any questions you may have.