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To whom it may concern,

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I write in my capacity as Integrity Supervision Manager for the British Horseracing Authority ("BHA"), who is the governing and regulatory body for horseracing in Great Britain.

We have been contacted by Mr Michael Blake, who currently holds a Combined Trainer's Licence with the BHA, in order to outline our requirements as they relate to the training establishments of licence holders that may be of relevance to the proposed planning application at the above address.

The BHA's licensing requirements only allow a Trainer to train from a named and approved training establishment. When the BHA reviews the suitability of a training establishment, emphasis is placed on security and the welfare of the horses. It is therefore considered essential that the trainer and an adequate number of responsible employees (as required by the size of the training operation) should be present at the yard at all times; this necessitates accommodation overlooking the stables and their entrance.

The value of racehorses must be taken into account when considering security measures and the importance of accommodation close to the stables has been highlighted in recent years when fires have occurred and racehorses have had to be evacuated as a matter of urgency.

Racehorses are also vulnerable to the deliberate administration of drugs which might affect their performance in a race or their general health. Therefore, the BHA insist that not only are there adequate security measures at training establishments but also encourages all reasonable steps to be taken towards improving 24 hour security.

The nature of the work involved in training establishments requires staff to be available very early in the morning and late evening, every day of the week, hence on-site accommodation for staff is important.

Biosecurity and disease prevention measures must also be observed in order to best protect the health status of racehorses. As a result, equine and human access to approved training establishments is restricted to racehorses registered in the care or control of the licensed trainer and individuals who they have added to the BHA's Register of Stable Employees.

I hope this provides the information you require, however please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely

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