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Dear Nick

Please find enclosed my comments in relation to supporting evidence for the new stables.

Please note I am disabled [REDACTED] and have to take into account my condition. Therapy of having my own horse and taking on a rescue pony as a companion is a must to assist with my rehabilitation and the reason I purchased this property and moved in 7 weeks ago as it had the space behind the existing stables to accommodate stables that meet my needs.

The current two stables are only 12ft x 12ft and too small for a horse of 16'2 which has to accommodate my height and weight.

The barn/garage that is the current building is only big enough to house the farm machinery which is needed to maintain the 2 paddocks and arena. With the size of paddocks it is not cost effective to ask a farmer to top the fields, I have just done this following moving in and it cost me £350.00 for a farmer to top the 2 paddocks which took 25 mins.

I need to have a small barn in the new stable area to house hay and shavings, these need to be close to the stables for ease for myself to manage mucking out and feeding along with housing feed and rugs and will be in between the new stables and backs on to the old smaller 12ft x 12ft two stables.

The covered area detailed is somewhere that a vet or farrier can attend to my 2 horses. This will also allow me to have a covered area for grooming in bad weather and somewhere that is open and not enclosed such as a stable. This open covered area allows for safety aspects when dealing with a horse, should my horse have any problems, being pinned against a stable wall if it has a problem is not ideal and I have to take into account all situations due to my disability.

My two current stables 12ft x 12ft will remain empty as I will be working with horse charities to be a foster at short notice for a short period of time to assist charities when the need arises, and these will be kept free for one or two small ponies that I can support with babysitting or foster while the charities sort out further care and support and forever homes.

I trust this explains the position and planning will be approved so that the build can commence asap ready for the winter.

Kind regards

Michelle