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Equine Orthopaedic Clinic and Equestrian Facility Building
On land at The Mill House, Poulton Mill, Marlborough. SN8 2LN
Application ref: PL/2026/01724

Internal Lighting Management Scheme statement:

The applicant undertakes to install the main internal lighting of the type shown on Lighting Technical Sheet 08049 ECH3200-W50/DA, as submitted to Wiltshire Council on the 12th June 2026.

The internal lighting system shall be managed in accordance with the measures set out as follows:

1. Purpose

This Internal Lighting Management Scheme has been prepared to minimise light spill from the translucent roof panels incorporated within the approved equestrian facility building, whilst ensuring adequate lighting is available for the safe operation of the approved Equine Orthopaedic Clinic, the welfare of horses accommodated within the facility and the health and safety of staff. The scheme specifically seeks to protect the dark skies and landscape character of the North Wessex Downs National Landscape.

2. Approved Use

The building shall be used solely in association with the approved Equine Orthopaedic Clinic and for no other commercial equestrian purpose.

The facility does not operate as a 24-hour veterinary hospital and is primarily used on a pre-arranged appointment basis. Night-time activity is generally limited to:

- Horse welfare inspections.
- Essential husbandry activities.
- Cleaning and security checks.
- Occasional emergency veterinary treatment.
- Staff access associated with the above activities.

3. Lighting Principles

The lighting strategy has been designed to:

- Maximise the use of natural daylight through the translucent roof panels during daylight hours.
- Reduce reliance on artificial lighting wherever practicable.
- Limit illumination to areas actively being used.
- Prevent unnecessary illumination of unoccupied areas.
- Minimise light visible through the translucent roof panels during periods of darkness.

4. Lighting Controls

The internal lighting system shall operate in accordance with the following principles:

- Lighting shall be controlled through zoned circuits enabling individual areas of the building to be illuminated independently.
- Areas not in active use shall remain unlit.
- Lighting levels shall be reduced to the minimum reasonably required for operational purposes.
- Artificial lighting shall be switched off immediately upon completion of the activity requiring illumination.
- Internal lighting shall not be used for decorative, display or non-operational purposes.

5. Management During Hours of Darkness

Between **20:30 and 07:00 hours**, lighting shall be restricted to that reasonably required for:

- Staff safety.
- Horse welfare checks.
- Essential husbandry activities.
- Building security.
- Emergency veterinary treatment.

During this period:

- Office and ancillary accommodation lighting shall be switched off when not occupied.
- Stable and clinic lighting shall only be activated when required for the activities listed above.
- Large open areas of the barn shall remain unlit unless operationally necessary.
- Illumination shall be confined to the smallest practical area required to undertake the relevant task.

6. Rooflight Light Spill Mitigation

To minimise light emission through the translucent roof panels:

- Internal lighting shall be directed downward towards working areas.
- Unnecessary upward-facing lighting shall not be installed.
- Lighting shall be managed through zoning controls to avoid illuminating unused sections of the building.
- Illumination levels shall be reduced outside normal daytime operational periods where practicable.
- Only those areas required for ongoing activity shall remain illuminated after 20:30 hours.
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7. Monitoring and Review

The operator shall regularly review the effectiveness of this Lighting Management Scheme and implement reasonable adjustments where necessary to further reduce light spill without compromising:

- Animal welfare;
- Veterinary requirements;
- Staff safety; or
- Operational needs of the approved Equine Orthopaedic Clinic.

