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To whom this may concern,

I am writing to you to support the planning application for the installation of an arena at Acorn Fields, Crabbswood lane, Sway.

Miss Simmons has long been associated with our veterinary practice, working both as a client advisor and also helping out as an equine assistant during the pandemic. She has also helped in handling/ riding clinical cases which we have seen at our hospital. Her expertise in managing difficult or unhandled horses and ponies is second to none.

Whilst working at the hospital she has seen first hand the injuries that horses sustain and the extensive rehabilitation some require to get back to full athletic function. This process can often take several weeks or months and cannot be provided by a veterinary practice. A facility for equine rehabilitation is a much needed service within the New Forest.

Due to the nature of some of the soft tissue injuries horses sustain, an arena with a suitable surface is vital to enable a satisfactory outcome for the horse.

As mentioned in the planning proposal a lot of the horses which would be treated at this facility would be on "box rest" and not require turnout so the grazing requirements would be limited.

If you have any further queries regarding this matter please contact me at the hospital.

Kind Regards

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