Statement of Equestrian Need

This statement will be used to assess any application that relates to equestrian development. This includes the need for new equestrian buildings in the countryside relating to horses or any associated infrastructure with an equestrian enterprise. Not all the questions in this statement will require an answer as it will depend on the development applied for. Please answer these questions

as full as you can.		
Location and description of proposed development (and whether it will be in private / commercial use):	Change of use to equestrian and the relocation and expansion of a stable building at Berry Farm, Whelpley Hill, HP5 3RW.	
Existing use of land (and whether it is in private/ commercial use):	Equestrian.	
Description of the current landholding - this should be supplemented with a plan.	The subject land in total is set out in the attached plan.	
 To include: Size of Equestrian Holding (including holding number where possible) An indication of land in applicants' ownership An indication of any additional land rented (including duration / details of the rental agreement — copies/evidence should be supplied to support this statement) An indication of any land rented out to other people Details of other buildings currently used and their location as part of the enterprise, including those on rented land (details should include the floor space of the building and what the building is currently used for) 	There are currently 19 stables with a proposed additional 3 taking it to 22.	
Planning history and equestrian enterprise history'	Limited planning history on subject land.	

Description of the proposal	Change of use to equestria of a stable building.	n and the construction
To include: The floor area of the proposed buildings (if the building is to be used for a variety of purposes the approximate floor area for each use should be specified)	The proposal is for the construction of 22 stables with tack room, staff rest room, office and feed/ store room, and will be used for equestrian use, providing a sustainable recreational and agricultural use of the Green Belt.	
 How long will the building be used for Relationship to other buildings and the ability for further expansion Design (length/width/height to eaves, roof slope/pitch, roof/wall cladding material, floor slopes, load requirements e.g. hay and feed store, equipment storage, and number of people working inside, energy efficiency and potential for renewable energy, ventilation inlets and outlets, exposure to the elements and acoustics] 	The proposed buildings har following dimensions: Block A Length - 28.9 m Depth - 28.3 m Floor area - 296 m ² Ridge height – 4.08 m Eaves Height – 2.4 m Block B Length - 28.9 m Depth – 20.2 m Floor area - 244 m ² Ridge height – 4.08 m Eaves Height – 2.4 m	ve the
Provide the number of horses associated with the enterprise and identify their use	Type of horses	No.**
	Total number	22
	Competition horses	3
	Breeding horses	0
	Riding horses	19
	Riding school horses	0
	Other (please specify): n/a	1

 Details of the equestrian justification for new building(s) (e.g. outdoor schools, horsewalkers, gallops, or floodlighting) To include: The need for a specific size of building(s) The need for the building(s) in a specific location The details of any special reasons that lead to the need for additional building(s) 	The proposed building is for equestrian use. The dimensions are considered suitable for the proposed use. The location of the proposed building is considered suitable.
Details of those employed on the enterprise , and whether this is on a full or parttime basis and their only source of income.	2 Full Time employees – their only source of income, expanding to 3 Full Time employees.
Details of how manure is managed	Removed from the site.
Details of drainage	Any surface water will drain to a soakaway.
Number of existing daily vehicle numbers based on existing use of land	0
Number of proposed daily vehicle numbers based on proposed use of land	Currently 10-12 vehicles a day which will increase to 12-14 vehicles a day.
Types of vehicles that currently access the land based on existing use (e.g. tractor, trailer, cars)	n/a
Types of vehicles that will access the land based on proposed use (e.g. tractor, trailer, cars)	Cars, 4x4 vehicles, trailers, horse boxes and tractors.
Details of the site access (e.g. construction, width, gated)	Access via existing entrance from Whelpley Hill.
Details of highways serving the site (particularly between the site and the nearest classified road)	The site is accessed via an existing access point.
Any other relevant information which would support your application	