

The replacement stables are required to provide safe stabling for our miniature Shetland ponies.

The current stables have been on the site for over 60 years and are in extremely poor condition and irreparable.

The new stabling will be much more aesthetically pleasing to the neighbours. The closest neighbour, Mrs Rouse of The Oaks, was consulted before the application was submitted to ensure that she was happy with the layout of the stables. The positioning and L shape of the new stables will ensure that any use of lights and low level noise will not cause disturbance to Mrs Rouse or indeed any other neighbours. The height of the existing stables will be reduced, which will have less visual impact on the villagers.

The additional small feed room and hay store are to ensure that no hay needs to be stored under tarpaulins in the paddock area or haylage bales delivered to the road end of the paddock. They also ensure that feed bins are not an eyesore being stored outside the building.

These miniature Shetland ponies do not impact on the surrounding New Forest area as they are not ridden or exercised on the forest. They are only moved between grazing paddocks within the village area or transported to shows.

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