Lower Ford Farm



Lower Ford Farm Stoodleigh Tiverton Devon FX16900

Supporting statement

To whom it my concern

We request that the Full Planning Permission submitted by lodge at Lower Ford Farm to be reinstated following a Full Planning Permission Application being submitted by Myself Danielle Kenealy & partner

Myself and my partner purchased the land and stables at Lower Ford in September 2017. At the time it was being run a a successful riding holiday business with planning for a 4 bedroom holiday lodge which has since lapsed, due to us not being in the right position to invest in as we already had a newly started equine business up and running. In the past 4 yrs we have concentrated on growing our own business of Training Racehorses, breaking, schooling, educating in all equine aspects as well as problem horses and support for riders. we are now a fully licensed training yard. We feel that we are now in a position to expand and start up a riding holiday business along side our expiating business with onsite accommodation. During the cooler month when possibly less appealing to holiday makers we would like to make the lodge available to those with a interest in our Racehorse business such as owners and clients as well as run clinics for both horse and rider. During the last few years we feel that Devon has become very appealing to holiday makes and we think we can offer something a little different to a specific market.

When researching riding holidays in and around Devon we have found that it is become a very popular choice of vacation and therefore would bring business/tourism to our local area. We are based in a great location to offer rides in and around our local country side as well as having easy access to Exmoor.

Myself and my partner have work with horse since school leavers and feel we are very passionate and experienced with all levels of the equestrian field. We feel we could also offer clinic where people who are having problems with there horses could come for short break and gain experience and help. At present we can only offer this service and accommodate for the horses needs. It would be a big advantage if we could offer a package for both horse and rider over the space of a few days/weeks.

Please find references from clients that have used our support service and their thought on an option of accommodation to work on site with their horse. Also thought from current owners on booking racehorse experience holidays.