

9th February 2024

Wyre Borough Council
Civic Centre
Breck Road
Poulton-le-Fylde
FY6 7PU.

Dear Sirs,

23/00132/FUL - Erection of a stable block for private equine use, at Land Adjacent To Highcroft Carr Lane Poulton Le Fylde Hambleton. – Manure Management Scheme

Following the approval of the above application, the approval notice had a number of conditions which were required to be satisfied prior to commencement of the proposed use. We are instructed by the applicant, Mr. K. Murphy, to provide a statement as to how the manure generated from the above application will be stored and disposed of to ensure that the development causes minimal impact to local receptors.

The proposal consists of a total of four stables in one block with the remainder of the development to be utilised for storage of food, bedding, tack, and other miscellaneous items relating to the keeping of horses.

The horses are to be bed on a mixture of straw and sawdust, and cleaned out every day of the manure produced, with a larger clean out of the full stables being carried out every 7 – 10 days dependent on how wet the bedding is.

Upon discussing the options of manure storage and disposal with the applicant, there are a number of ways to store and dispose of the manure, being:

1. Long term storage in a new purpose built midden built from pre-cast concrete panels and a concrete floor with suitable drainage
2. Short term storage by way of muck trailer, this will then be removed by a third party and spread on third party land.
3. Spread the muck on the holding by hand.

Due to the access restraints, cost along with planning constraints, Option 1, long term storage, would be unsuitable as it would require further development of the holding by way of a new midden, along with the development of a larger area than currently approved, to enable a telehandler/front loader tractor to safely load the manure into a trailer or muck spreader to be carted away. Furthermore, Option 1 by implication would raise the potential for manure to further rot, producing a smell and provide a habitat for flies to breed, thus effecting the local residents.

Due to the effort and requirement of the applicant, along with holding size limitations, Option 3 would be unsuitable as great effort and care is required to ensure that the manure is spread correctly on the land throughout the year, the impracticability of spreading the manure on the land by hand would also be a limitation.

Option 2 is the preferred and proposed method of disposal, the applicant is seeking to purchase a 4-6 tonne specially designed manure trailer, this has a ramp at the front or rear of the trailer, to enable a person to barrow the manure into the trailer. The trailer once at capacity, the applicant will then arrange for the trailer to be taken away by a local farmer to be either spread or stored on their farm.

Option 2 provides the ability for the manure to be stored for short periods of time (estimated 6-8 weeks) with the ability to remove from the holding. The trailer requires no significant large machinery to carry out operations on the site and can be carted by either a car or tractor. The manure trailers are constructed from metal and have a sealed door, thus reducing any potential effluent leaching into the ground. The applicant has contacted local farmers within the area and have agreement that the trailer can be emptied on a regular basis and throughout the year.

Please find enclosed a plan indicating where the trailer is to be located for ease of reference.

We trust that the above satisfies the requirements set out within the conditions of the approval notice dated 4th August 2023 and the local planning authority are satisfied that the proposed method of storage will not cause any detriment to any local residents in the area.



Encs.