

Design and Access Statement

The proposed development is intended to leave the field in as natural condition as possible as we cut hay from it to feed our horses in the winter months. Any hard standing or access road would reduce the acreage available to cut and would risk damage to the farm machinery used to cut the grass.

The shelter is there to be used if and when the horses wish to use it. They will be able to come and go as they please. The small tack room at the side of the shelter will be used to store basic tools used in the upkeep of the field and for the health of the horses. E.g. wheelbarrows, fork, shovel, first aid kits for both human's and horses.

The field is accessed from the existing gateway on Joan Royd Lane and then we either park our vehicle on the grass just inside the gate entrance or if we are taking heavy items to the field or water for the horses to drink we drive across the field to get nearer to where the horses are.

The shelter's design is very much in keeping with the design of the other field shelters and stable blocks in the adjacent fields and it has been tanalised and also coated in light brown wood preservative to both keep it in very good condition and try and blend it in with the surrounding area as much as possible.