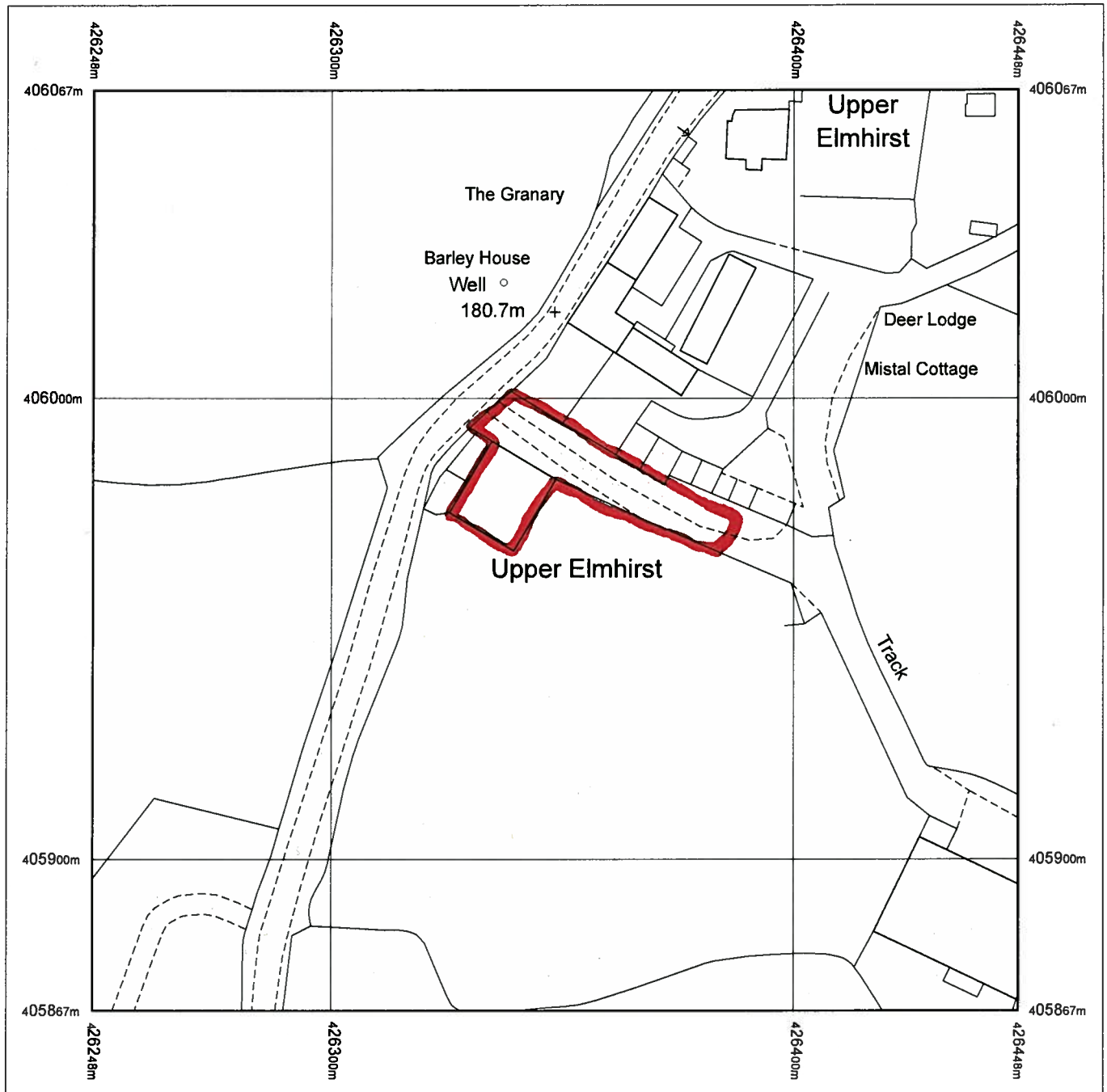




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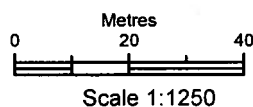
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Detail in support of Planning Application for change of use from Agricultural to Agricultural and Equestrian utilising existing barn and off road parking – ‘Lazing Saddles’, Elmhirst Farm, South Lane, Cawthorne, S75 3EF.

The concept of ‘Lazing saddles’ came to fruition in Feb/March 2008. We felt that there was very little opportunity within the locality, for persons locally/nationally and internationally to enjoy the pleasures of Western Horse Riding. The quite breathtaking countryside on offer throughout The Vale of Cawthorne and surrounding area was seen as an ideal base. Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council was approached and following full consultation and in depth inspection, the Regulatory Services Department granted our riding establishment licence in April 2008. We are now on our second year licence and fully conform to the Regulatory Services Health and Safety requirements.

We operate eight horses, all of which graze out all year round and without need for stabling. We make use of a single original barn (un-modernised or altered) simply to tack and untack the horses for treks. We have no ménage, no trailers, horse boxes, cross country coursing, fences etc. We have no desire to neither propose erection of any of the aforementioned nor do we plan construction of any other buildings or stabling in connection with our venture. The barn houses one single small shipping type container, unobtrusive and out of sight to non clients, this holding tack and equine first aid items.

All our horses are fed by the provision of onsite grazing and hay produced thereon. We do keep a small range of forage/supplements.

Our clients park their vehicles off road on the track lane adjacent to the barn. There is adequate off road parking for 8 vehicles and facility for turning. We have no plans to construct designated parking bays at any time since it is felt both unnecessary and out of keeping with the wonderful countryside feel. We have improved the access to the site, with a post and rail gated entrance.

At present we operate on Wed, Sat and Sun 9am – 5pm with occasional evening rides on Tues, Thurs and Friday (summer time only). We restrict our rides to one a.m. and one p.m. and to a maximum of four clients per trek. To that end we have very minimal vehicular activity on site at anytime and patrons are actively encouraged at the time of booking to ‘car share’ thus further reducing the number of vehicles and prevent avoidable CO2 emissions within the area. All our customers must be twelve years of age or over, a requirement of our insurers and each and everyone completes a client registration document, designed in consultation with the National Farmers Union Insurance Section. We provide BSS safety headgear as standard and no persons, staff nor client ride without at any time. As well as being fully licensed, ‘Lazing saddles’ are fully insured for public and employee liability with the NFU. We have a superb personal safety record.

We have developed a website and have links to a wide range of local businesses. We are linked into National Tourist sites e.g. Information Britain, Yorkshire Tourism, Love to Escape and many others. These sites have generated a great deal of business and brought people to the area. Our clients dine and stay locally and we have a good relationship with local eateries and B&B’s, guest houses and hotels. We arrange three and four day breaks and whilst clients are riding, other family members avail themselves of other local attractions, e.g. The Metrodome, Cannon Hall Museum and Farm,

The Pot House Hamlet, Maize Maze and others. 'Lazing Saddles' has brought a great deal of tourism to the area, thus boosting local economy and raising the profile of the town. We have had clients from all over the world e.g. USA, the Philippines, Malta, to name but a few and in the last 6 months we can boast clients from 20+ different counties in the UK! We also provide a quite unique facility for local people also to get out and about with their families and to experience what the countryside has to offer. We have permission and permits (fee paid) to use Deffer Wood and we make use of the extensive local bridleway network to ensure that they are kept accessible at all times. We have a good relationship with local farmers and the council bridleway department itself.

We too support local businesses and source our supplements etc locally. We often have staff outings etc at local Inns. We support local charities by donating vouchers for treks; we recently 'loaned' one of our horses to a local school for short rides (under tuition) and all proceeds went to the school. We have taken clients with both learning and physical disabilities and believe that everyone should have an opportunity to experience what we have to offer. Our website testimonial page gives some idea of the pleasure we have provided for many. We have featured in local press 'Mosaic Magazine (Oct 2008) and ITV Calendar Nov 2008, both again feature on our website and have played an important part in bringing clients to us and tourism to Barnsley.

We feel that our venture fits hand in glove with the governments planning policy 7, regarding sustainable development in rural areas – paragraph 32 – Equine Related activities. We are a small-scale horse enterprise facilitating the use of an existing farm building to provide a useful form of farm diversification. We provide a suitably located recreational and leisure facility whilst maintaining environmental quality and countryside character.