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Dear Clare,

Application: 17/00852 | Manege OSSEMSLEY FIELDS, OSSEMSLEY, CHRISTCHURCH, BH23 7EE

1. New Forest Association objects to this application.
2. Irrespective on any other matter, NFA objects to the size of this manege. It is significantly larger than the standard size. Maneges not only **always** degrade the landscape to a varying degree but also entirely sterilise the area. The relaxation allowed in policy DP23 was achieved after considerable negotiation between equine and conservation interests and one critical condition was a maximum size of 40m by 20m. To my knowledge only one breach has slipped through since the introduction of the policy in 2010. I believe Clare that you led the autopsy following that slip.
3. NFA considers it is unreasonable to assess degree of landscape degradation until the application is resubmitted with a standard size manege.
4. NFA will further object if when resubmitted Paragraph 8.47 - *makes use of materials that blend in well with the New Forest landscape* is not met. The mat black (sewage farm settling tank lookalike) rubber finish is not best choice.
5. NFA will also further seek a condition ensuring an alkaline substrate is not used in the construction on this development.
6. There are a number of maneges already in the area. NFA would support a relaxation of conditions associated with one of these if this applicant wished to share the facility.
7. The purpose of this relaxation was to discourage exercising on the open Forest. I do not know the applicant and would be impressed if he had indicated how much exercising on the open Forest the household currently undertakes and where erosion had taken place.

NFA's concern is that the current relaxation is having a long term detrimental effect by further inflating the value of properties with some land and thus driving out the commoners and rough riders able to help in the management of the Forest. We should not be paying a landscape price for this.

Yours sincerely,

Graham Baker, NFA Planning Committee Registered Charity 260328