

Amendment  
20.7.20

**4/20/2214/OF1 – LAND AT CRAKESDALE, BLACK LING, EGREMONT**  
**PROPOSED PRIVATE SHOWJUMPING PRACTISE ARENA – STATEMENT**  
**(amendment a – JULY 2020)**

The applicants have purchased this agricultural holding recently, following a lengthy search of West Cumbria, and much discussion with CBC Planning dept regarding suitability of various sites identified.

This location is ideal as it remote from any built up area, and the arena is shielded from view from the road to Kell Head by the natural lay of the land, rather than any substantial 'landscaping', although the area will be levelled in preparation for the costly sand / silica arena installation.

However, continual screen planting will be erected in the form wide planting beds of blackthorn based hedging with the initial placement of these 1.2 to 1.5m whips @ 7 no. per m. run as recommended in the coming growing period, with a selection of multi stem species, if required, to assist quicker growth up to the preferred screen height of approx. 2.5m. The screening will be, as shown on the Site Plan, to the long east and west sides of the arena, as well as the shorter north end.

The screening is required as a health and safety precaution, to prevent a practising horse being alarmed at sudden movements of animals in adjacent paddocks / fields.

The need for the arena, and the small and typical agricultural building to be erected (separate application) is for them to be able to securely look after their three top quality showjumpers, and a pony, at their own property, rather than have to transport them from their current unsatisfactory facilities every time to similar practise arenas which they will hire on a session basis, and then back again to those paddocks which are not ideal for horses of this value.

As with most similar set ups a number of sheep will graze amongst the various individual paddocks, for obvious reasons.

The client regularly participates in the British Championships, has entered the Horse of the Year show on a number of occasions, and participates at such as the Highland Show, and all the better County and Agricultural Shows. She wishes to keep herself at this standard moving forward, and, rather than waste rent / hire costs on distant facilities they felt this location is perfect for their usage.

Regarding floodlighting of this there is no need or intention to have this installed at the moment and the clients are aware that an application must be submitted if required.

**TONY BARNETT, Agent**

17 July 2020