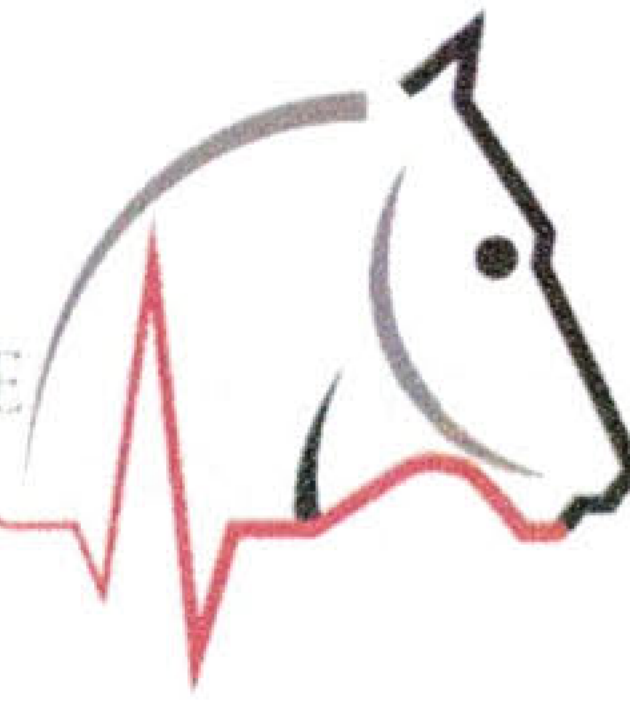




7th June 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

**Re: Veterinary support for Planning permission - [REDACTED] -
P/2022/0798**

I write this letter in support of the above planning application for the above applicant. I am an equine veterinary surgeon that provides veterinary services for [REDACTED] horses.

There is a requirement for accommodation on site to be able to provide appropriate care for the horses. This not only entails looking after the horses and providing care, but [REDACTED] business involves breeding from the mares.

When mare's foal (give birth), they give birth very quickly compared to other animals. The whole process can be under 30 minutes and when a problem arises, there are only a few minutes to be able to save the foal. Missing the early stages of labour could result in the death of the foal and mare, a major concern for animal welfare.

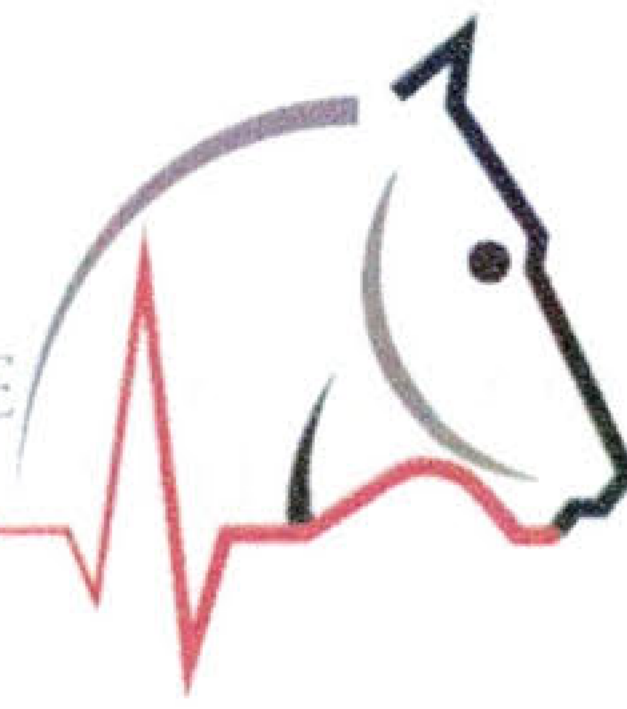
Being on site is imperative to managing these brood mares and due to the number of mares, on site accommodation is needed.

There have been a number of occasions over the last few years where myself or my veterinary colleagues have had to attend the premises for emergency visits. A few examples are:

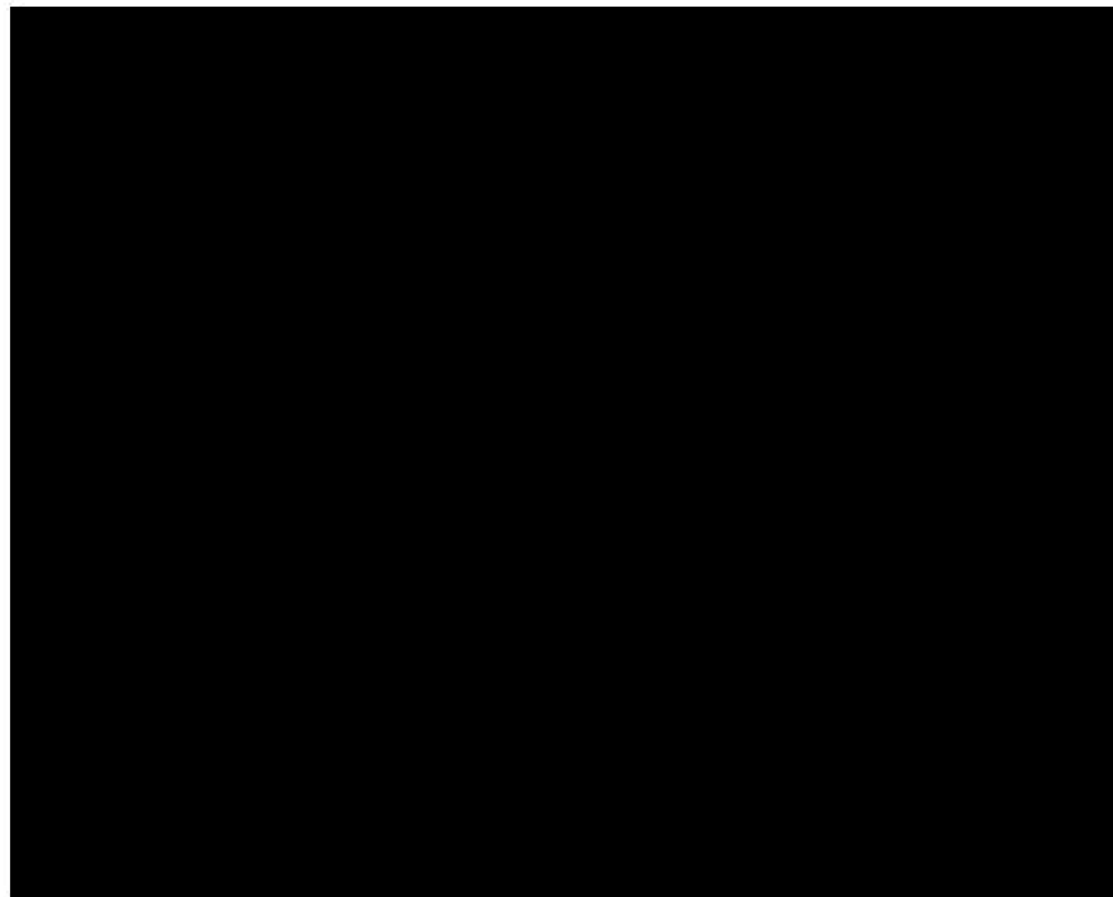
- A mare having problems giving birth resulting in the death of the mare and foal
- Retained foetal membranes in mares
- Multiple episodes of 'colic'
- Wounds and lacerations
- Oesophageal obstruction

With all of these conditions, speed is of the essence. Missing early signs of these conditions and symptoms results in negative animal welfare, progression of other diseases or potential death of the animal.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.



Yours faithfully



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