



**Bryniau Clwyd a
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Clwydian Range
and Dee Valley

Ardal o Harddwch Naturiol Eithriadol
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Dear Kevin

PROPOSAL: CONSTRUCTION OF 20, X 40 EQUINE MENAGE FOR NON-COMMERICAL USE TO BE SITED ON EXISTING GRAZING LAND.

LOCATION: SUNNY RIDGE, DOLYDD LANE, CEFN MAWR, WREXHAM, LL14 3NF

Thank you for consulting the AONB on this application. The following observations are submitted on behalf of the Joint Committee.

“Subject to the proposed ménage being for domestic use only, the Joint Committee has no observations to make on the development in principle.

The site is largely screened from view from the nearby WHS but it is in an open area visible from the A5 and the higher ground of the AONB to the south, and every effort should be made to mitigate visual impact and to integrate the development into its edge of settlement countryside setting. In this regard, it will be important to retain the existing mature hedge and tree screen to the west and south of the site and to supplement the proposed post and rail boundary fence with a new hedge comprising traditional native local species to enclose the site. Retention of the existing hedge and trees will be particularly important to mitigate the potential intervisibility between the site and the WHS. No external lighting should be permitted and the ménage surface should be a dark recessive colour.

It is also noted that engineering works will be required to create a level area for the ménage, and it is recommended that further detail such as site sections are required to properly assess the application prior to determination. The committee favours a ‘cut and fill’ approach to ensure a lower ménage surface level which will have less visual impact and reduce the need for importation of fill material. The resultant battered banks should be landscaped to blend into the rural surroundings.”

I would be grateful if you could take account of the committee’s views when deciding this application.

Yours sincerely,

Tony Hughes
For the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB Joint Committee