Ashwood
Shenton lane
Dadlington
CV13 6DH

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Stable Block

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Design & access statement.

Use

6 loose boxes for housing horses and ponies.
Hay/feed stores for Storage of feed and supplements and tools required to keep stables clean.
Tack room for safe, secure tack storage and other horse related equipment.

Amount

The proposals are for a traditional "U" Shape stable block.
Giving a (2) two (3.6metre x 3.6) by (2) two (3.6metere x 3.6) by (2) two (3.6 x 3.6) stable area. With equal sized Hay store to top left corner and tack room to top right corner @ 3.6 x 5.4meters.

Layout

The proposals are for a traditional "U" Shape stable block. The choice of layout lends itself to being a safe and contained environment not just for people using the area but more importantly the welfare of the horses and ponies.
Having the stables directly adjacent to each other gives comfort and companionship to the boxed horses. Also gives excellent protection from the weather and elements.
This style of design is also very esthetical and blends well with a rural environment.

The placement of the stables will face north towards Ashwood, not only is this for security and constant supervision of the stables but will also keep the horses out of direct sunlight and protect them from strong winds that frequent from the south.

Scale

The area covered by the block will be the standard 3.6 metres by 3.6 metre, at a height of 3 metres to top of apex. These will be in keeping with numerous stables on the two properties directly adjacent to Ashwood.

The original stable block plan was for eleven (11) stables, but on reflection has now been significantly reduce to six (6) which will fit more comfortably in the space chosen and compliments the size of existing barn located approximately 7 metres away.

This stable size fits neatly into an area that needs attention.

The site chosen lends itself to be developed as the area was previously used as the main entrance/exit for cattle crossing to the main dairy farm across the road. The area over years has been filled with brick rubble in an attempt to alleviate the problems of soil turning into a mud bath due the volume of cattle confined and channelled through the area.

Landscaping

Areas around the stable block will be replanted using seed grass from the adjoining field area.
On the area directly in front of the stables we would look to place recycled "woodchip bark" to keep areas of regular activity free of mud and water.

We already have a tree and hedge row planting program in place and would look to plant more native trees (namely Oak, Ash & Sycamore) to the rear of the stable block and along fence wooden fence line. At least 300meters of stewardship hedgerow has recently been planted and re-established in line with the Defra stewardship-hedging program.

Appearance

The stables will be 150mm x 19mm Shiplap cladding wood-stained medium brown. Black Onduline Roofing.
Doors to be traditional ledge and braced with galvanised chew straps. All hinges and door fittings are to silver galvanised metal. Construction will match existing barn, using the same colours, materials and techniques.

Access

Access to the stable will be solely from the new gate access, As opposed to the previous gate which was located on a very dangerous bend originally used for cattle to cross the road to the dairy farm opposite.
Very limited access will be required from the road, as the horses will mainly be turned out in the field directly next to the stables at proposed location.

No car parking spaces or vehicular access will be required for the proposed stable block.