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# SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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# DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

## LEVELLING OF JUMPING PADDOCK

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The proposed levelling of the jumping paddock would give Buxton Riding School a safer and level area for teaching on.

## 2. DESIGN

### 2.1 Location

The proposed site is a 60 x 40m grass jumping paddock which is post and rail fenced, has been used for the last 12 years and is due a refurbishment. The site is in a large field 61m north of the farm buildings (site plan) and would be cut into the hillside.

### 2.2 Layout and Design

The layout is a 60 x 40m rectangular grass jumping paddock with a 1.2m high post and rail fence. The finished surface will remain grass. The levelling will be created by a cut and fill operation on the slope, see cross sections submitted with the application. Drainage will follow the original fall of the land. The proposed levelling will have a 1:40 fall to allow natural drainage and follow the contours of the land to give less impact of the cut.

### 2.3 Landscape

All that is proposed will be re-seeded to its original condition.

### 2.4 Access

There is an existing gate and hard core access road into the meadow field which leads on to the jumping paddock. All construction traffic would use this road. The public footpath is protected by a post and rail fence from the access road and jumping paddock, so no diversions are required. Once construction is complete the access will be for horses and farm vehicles only - as existing.

## 3. CASE IN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATION

Buxton Riding School has been established now for 26 years and has a very wide customer base catering for one of the largest Riding for the Disabled groups in the area. The proposal would give Buxton Riding School a safer and more professional area to teach in.

The proposal would be in keeping with the landscape and the location stays the same. The grass surface will keep the proposed levelling unobtrusive to the landscape around it.