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Erection of 2no Stables and 1no Tack Room
Lands at Thornlea Barn, Higher Chisworth, Glossop, SK13 5SA
(Reference HPK/2012/0379)

Design and Access Statement
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Accessibility.
Access to the proposed from the yard is along a grass track at the edge of a field. The area in front of the stable block will be laid in gravel to aid drainage and avoid unfavourable conditions in winter. The base of the stables will be laid in concrete at finished ground level, with no level change across the slab.

Context.
Rural area, used as grazing for livestock and horsiculture, in immediate vicinity of existing stone built residences, stone outhouses and numerous timber stables / stores of similar style and proportion to the proposed.

Location and Orientation
The proposed is located to the southern corner of the field in which it stands, to be in close proximity to the houses and yard and allow maximum use of the field. The land falls away from the road slightly, allowing the proposed to rest in a hollow, below the direct line of view to the valley behind and partially obscured by the existing dry stone wall. The orientation is such that the front elevation faces towards the road (southwards) to avoid driving weather conditions, improve security by creating overlooking from the residences and provide a more aesthetic and interesting elevation to the highway.

Layout and Scale
The scale of the proposed is such as to comfortably accommodate two horses in two separate stables, with sufficient onsite storage in the form of a tack room / store to serve two horses. The size and height of the proposed is as per suggested by specialist design consultant (Clydesdale - http://www.clydesdale-timber.co.uk) to efficiently house a full grown horse. The 'L – shaped' layout is in part to aid with shelter from driving rain and also in part to aid in enclosing yard area to front. The overhang to the front will help ensure enclosure remains naturally dry and warm enhancing life expectancy of stables and reducing waste from discarding additional wet bedding material.

Environmental Sustainability.
All exposed timbers are pressure treated and fixed using galvanized fixings to ensure long life and all structure members from softwood timber. Rain water collection has also been including in proposal from roof run off to provide drinking water for horses and general usage water. Manure from stables to be collected and stored in trailor on-site and disposed of off-site by prior arrangement with local farmer, where it will be added to other waste products, composted and used as fertilizer on local fields.