DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

DESIGN SETTING

Beardwood Farm is a 20 acre farm situated on the extremities of Furness Vale. The farm is owned by Kevin and Christine Thompson with sheep the primary livestock, straw cattle and pigs are also reared in small numbers.
Kevin and Christine have two children and they each have a horse as a family recreational pastime.
The Thompsons also run Beardwood Natural Living Project on a non-profit making organisation specifically aimed at people with learning difficulties who work with supervisors caring for the animals to achieve greater confidence and achievement.

PROPOSAL

The proposed menage is predominately for the recreational enjoyment of the Thompson family in schooling and general well-being of their horses, but in adverse winter weather may act as a close secure compound during the lambing season.
The farm being on upland pasture land with general wetland on the lower pastures requires constant drainage. The proposed menage will act as a buffer between the wetlands and the farm, being extensively drained to allow flood water to be directed into the adjoining watercourses.
The location of the menage near the existing farm buildings and on existing poor wetlands with regenerate the land into a more productive facility.

PRIVACY AND PROTECTION

There are existing bund earth works at higher and lower levels that will remain in place and no extensive level changes of the land. The facility will enhance the recreation enjoyment of the Thompson family while not injuring the landscape.

ACCESS

Access to the menage is via a farm gate linking to the main farm buildings.