

1 Amount

The purpose of a ménage is to provide a safe area in which horses and riders can train and exercise all year round. The size of a typical ménage is similar to a dressage arena. This ménage is not open to the public.

2 Layout and Scale

The 20 x 40m enclosure is open to the sky and is enclosed by a chest high post and rail fence. The ménage is not covered by a roof and it is remote from other development.

3 Landscaping

Because the existing site slopes, and the riding area needs to be level, the ground line will be modified. Shallow earth banks will be formed at the ménage perimeter in order to achieve this. The disturbed areas will be seeded with grass so that they blend with the grazing land that surrounds the ménage.

4 Appearance

The visual impact of this proposal is limited to the immediate area. It has no permanent form or bulk, and it is not overlooked. The all-weather surface is grey in colour, and the fence posts and rails are made of softwood. The riding area is not artificially illuminated.

5 Access

Vehicles cannot enter the ménage, access is on foot and horses are led in. The entrance to the riding area is through a gate in the western side, which faces the existing house and outbuildings, and so is closest to the stable. The level of the riding area will be set to favour this route. There is a second way in on the eastern side which allows access from the lane by passing through an existing field gate and then walking a short way up an existing track.

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