



## PRESS RELEASE

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### VETS SUPPORT LOCAL EQUINE/RACE HORSE TRAINING ENTERPRISE

With the collaboration and support of local vets, Acorus Rural Property Services Ltd successfully obtained planning permission for a temporary dwelling and stable development at an equine business in North Yorkshire.

Mick Robson, Acorus Technical Director, prepared a planning appraisal on behalf of clients from Wombleton, York to support their need for an occupational dwelling on-site. The existing enterprise breeds, rears and schools thoroughbred foals and horses for sale but the clients have plans to concentrate on the schooling and pre-training of race horses on behalf of nearby trainers.

To do this, the young horses would be stabled and trained on-site with access to gallops later in the training process. Each horse, of high value, would need individual attention with specialist, personalised care provided each and every day and night; often problems occur at a moments notice, needing immediate attention.

Local vets wholeheartedly supported the owners' request for an occupational dwelling on-site arguing that a staff member should be constantly available to deal with the horses' health and welfare. Rapid diagnosis, instant treatment of injury and disease and the ability to immediately undertake emergency procedures such as fire and horses being 'caste', would fulfil the duty of care to the horse owners.

Mr Robson was therefore able to satisfy the 'functional need' for an on-site manager at all times and with the backing of local vets such as Stephen Hudson of Hutton-le-Hole, who explained it was 'imperative' that someone was living on-site, Ryedale District Council Planning Committee gave their approval.

Mr Robson goes on to say 'The development plans were essential for the equine business to grow and I am pleased with the result for my clients. It was pleasing to have support from the local vets who were united in their concern for the horses welfare'.

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#### About Acorus

Acorus Rural Property Services Ltd is an independent firm of Chartered Surveyors and Planning Consultants with extensive experience and expertise in rural planning, diversification and property consultancy.

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