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Dear Nicola Pettifer

Please find below the Woodland Trust's comments on the following application:-

Reference: DC/24/1620
Proposals: Construction of new equestrian facilities comprising a stable building, outdoor riding arena, horse walker and car parking area. Use of existing agricultural barn for associated equine use. Use of land for the keeping and grazing of horses. Alterations to existing vehicle access from A29 | Slinfold Stud Stane Street Slinfold West Sussex RH13 0RE

The application site is adjacent to an area of ancient woodland (grid ref: TQ 10216 30305) designated as Ancient Semi Natural Woodland on Natural England's Ancient Woodland Inventory (AWI).

A review of the proposals indicates that the construction of the new infrastructure will be outside of a 15 metre buffer zone to the ancient woodland and that tree protection fencing will be provided during construction. However, we recommend that fencing is provided to delineate and permanently protect the entire 15 metre buffer zone adjacent to the ancient woodland to the north, west and south. This would prevent equine activities, such as exercising and grazing, from encroaching into the buffer zone, and ensure that the proposed change of use will not result in any detrimental impact on the ancient woodland in line with paragraph 186 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Natural England's standing advice[1].

Please don't hesitate to contact us at planningcasework@woodlandtrust.org.uk if it would be helpful to discuss further.

Kind regards

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[1] https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ancient-woodland-ancient-trees-and-veteran-trees-advice-for-making-planning-decisions