

Mare Breeding and Management Report
Supporting Information for the Planning Application
Background and Veterinary Management



The mare is an eight-year-old Warmblood currently kept at the application site, where she ordinarily lives at pasture throughout the year. She has recently commenced a planned artificial insemination programme under the veterinary supervision of Sussex Equine. On Thursday 20th, Paula Arrondo of Sussex Equine attended the site and carried out an initial reproductive examination and scan to assess the mare's cycle and anticipated ovulation.

A further scan was undertaken on Monday 24th, confirming that the mare was coming into season. She was transported to Sussex Equine that morning, where she remained for continued reproductive monitoring, further scanning and the necessary veterinary tests. Following satisfactory clinical assessments, the mare was artificially inseminated on Monday 31st using chilled semen from the stallion [Opportunity](#), owned by Breen Stud near Hickstead.

The mare remained under veterinary supervision until Wednesday 2nd, when she was collected and returned to the application site. She has since resumed her normal management and turnout routine.

A follow-up pregnancy scan is scheduled for the week commencing 14th. This will establish whether the insemination has resulted in a successful pregnancy and inform any further veterinary care and management required.

Relevance to the Planning Application

The mare's breeding programme is already underway and is directly relevant to the proposed equestrian facilities shown on the accompanying plans.

If pregnancy is confirmed, appropriate facilities will be required throughout gestation and, most importantly, for foaling and the subsequent care and management of the mare and newborn foal.

Although the mare currently lives out throughout the year, secure, sheltered and suitably equipped accommodation must be available when circumstances require it. Her management needs will change as the pregnancy progresses, particularly during the later stages of gestation, when closer observation and supervision will become increasingly important.

The proposed facilities will provide a safe and appropriate environment in which the mare can be brought inside, monitored and cared for when necessary. Following foaling, suitable accommodation will also be essential to safeguard the welfare of both mare and foal, particularly during periods of adverse weather, veterinary treatment or when closer supervision is required.

This is not a speculative or solely anticipated future use. The breeding programme has commenced and is being professionally managed by Sussex Equine. The proposed facilities will therefore meet an existing and developing equestrian requirement at the site. Providing suitable accommodation at the mare's normal place of residence will enable the pregnancy, foaling and subsequent care of the mare and foal to be managed safely and responsibly, while complementing the existing pasture and turnout arrangements.

The mare's active breeding programme and associated welfare requirements therefore form an important and practical justification for the equestrian facilities included within the planning application.