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(Also submitted on the planning portal on 21 April 2025)

Dear Planning Team,

I am writing in relation to planning application number **DM/25/0709** concerning the proposed construction of an American Barn (Stables), Horse Walker, Outdoor Arena, and Storage Barn at **Plummerden House, Park Lane, Lindfield, Haywards Heath, RH16 2QS**.

[REDACTED] live at **Paxhill, Park Lane, Lindfield, Haywards Heath, RH16 2QS**, which is adjacent to the site in question. We are familiar with the applicants and wish to raise our observations in a spirit of constructive feedback, without causing dispute or objection to the family's enjoyment of their land or horses.

We have several concerns regarding the scale and impact of the proposed development:

1. **Size and Scale**

The structures proposed – particularly the American Barn (477.84 sq m, 6.03m high), the Horse Walker (201 sq m, 3.62m high) and the Storage Barn (96 sq m, 5.586m high) – collectively represent a significant development in both footprint and height. While each element may have individual merit, the cumulative effect on the landscape and rural character is potentially substantial.

2. **Reference to an Indoor Arena**

The Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) associated with this application makes mention of an **indoor arena**, which we understand is the subject of a separate application. This proposed building appears even larger, with a footprint of 1,419 sq m and a height of 7.132m, and is located closer to our boundary. While we have not yet seen the official application or detailed site plans, we estimate the arena could be within approximately 50 metres of our property.

3. **Noise Concerns**

Having previously taken our children to riding lessons in similar indoor arenas, we recall that these spaces can be quite noisy – especially when instructors are calling out directions. We are concerned about potential noise disturbance from regular use of such a facility, especially given its proximity to our home.

4. **Impact on Rural Character**

While we appreciate and support equestrian activities, the scale and appearance of the proposed facilities – especially when combined with a possible indoor arena – risk changing the current rural and tranquil setting of the area. We would urge the Council to consider the broader impact of the entire development, including associated applications, on local character and neighbouring properties.

We understand the need for facilities that support equestrian sport, and we have no desire to hinder the applicants from enjoying their property. We simply ask that the Council take into account the concerns of nearby residents like ourselves who value the rural landscape and peaceful environment of Park Lane.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kind regards,



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