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# LANDSCAPE & ECOLOGICAL ENHANCEMENT STATEMENT

## PROPOSED PRIVATE EQUESTRIAN DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING L-SHAPED STABLE BLOCK, 20M X 40M OUTDOOR RIDING ARENA, ACCESS, HARDSTANDING AND ASSOCIATED WORKS

Site: Agricultural Land, Fritchley, Derbyshire DE56 2FY
Local Planning Authority: Amber Valley Borough Council
Applicant:
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# 1. Aim

The landscape strategy is to integrate the private equestrian development into the existing field pattern while retaining the rural character and safeguarding ecological and heritage interests.

# 2. Stable Design and Visual Integration

## Proposed Stable Block - Confirmed Manufacturer Specification

The proposed stables are the Colt Stables 'COLT Range' L-shaped timber stable block shown on the manufacturer drawing dated 11 September 2026, prepared by Fred Pragnell for Mr M Shaw at a scale of 1:100 on A3. The arrangement comprises three 3.6m x 3.6m stables, one 5.0m x 3.6m corner stable and one 1.8m x 3.6m tack room, together with an additional 1.2m canopy.

The manufacturer's drawing specifies pressure-impregnated shiplap exterior cladding fixed to 64mm x 38mm CLS framing at 600mm centres. Roof purlins are 102mm x 38mm CLS on pre-fabricated trusses, finished with black Onduline roof sheeting. All fittings are galvanised and the roof is pitched at 15 degrees. The drawing indicates an L-shaped overall arrangement of approximately 10.8m along the principal wing and approximately 10.5m along the return, subject to the manufacturer's stated dimensions and setting-out requirements.

The pressure-impregnated shiplap cladding and black Onduline roof provide recessive rural materials. The compact L-shaped form concentrates the stable accommodation and allows landscaping to be focused around the development rather than dispersing structures across the field.

# 3. Enhancement Principles

Retain existing hedgerows, mature trees and tree lines wherever practicable.
Reinforce appropriate boundaries with locally suitable native hedgerow species.
Provide native trees where compatible with landscape character, visibility and archaeology.
Establish or protect grassland/tussocky margins where compatible with the final BNG strategy.
Use visually recessive arena fencing and avoid floodlighting.
Use permeable/recessive surfacing for access and yard areas where practicable.
Avoid deep-rooting planting within or immediately affecting the Scheduled Monument without heritage advice.

# 4. BNG Coordination

The final planting and habitat enhancement schedule should be coordinated with the statutory BNG metric so that any habitat relied upon to achieve the required gain is accurately shown, deliverable and managed for the required period where applicable.