160196+160199 CNO-Obj MIX The Randers

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To: Atkins, Charlotte

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Subject: Retrospective Planning Application 160196 & 160199, Maes y Felin, Dinedor

Dear Charlotte,

APPLICATION: 160196 Land to the north of Maes y Felin, Hollow Farm Road, Dincdor, Herefordshire HR2 6PE DESCRIPTION: Reformation of land to provide swale and installation of drainage pipes (RETROSPECTIVE).

GRID REF: OS 352511, 235984

FOOTPATH: DD10

This retrospective application applies to the field directly north of Maes y Felin. The waypost marked footpath DD10 follows to the west of the eastern boundary hedge, rising quite steeply to a stile at OS 352571, 236158, just before joining footpath DD11.

The new field drainage appears to be successful and, at present, the footpath surface has reasonable traction. The surplus soil at the top of the field has been removed and contoured, allowing better access to the stile below footpath DD11. We do not object to the present application 160196, providing access is maintained at all times.

APPLICATION: 16199 Land to the north of Maes y Felin, Hollow Farm Road, Dinedor,

Herefordshire HR2 6PE

DESCRIPTION: Change of use from agricultural land to equestrian use.

FOOTPATH: DD10

This application should be read with 160196 above because it applies to the same plot of land.

Our concern here is that access to the 'paddocks' at the top of the field (north) could use footpath DD10. Vehicles, horses and event visitors should be prevented from using this public right of way to protect the surface. A two metre width should be maintained from the boundary hedge. If horses are likely to be eventing close to the footpath then this distance should be increased and protected for public safety.

This footpath provides excellent views to the south and east, and provides access to and from Dinedor Camp. It is an important link for locals and longer distance walkers. One improvement would be to replace the broken way marks at the bottom waypost, at the stile by the wind pump, and the top stile routing to DD11.

Yours sincerely,

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