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RURAL TEAM HITS THE RIGHT TRACK WITH RACING STABLE PROJECTS



A team of architects and planners from a Hampshire rural property consultancy has found a winning way with the racing community in Lambourn.

James Fraser, who leads the architecture and planning team at BCM at Sutton Scotney, near Winchester, says colleagues are now working on their third scheme in the Berkshire village, home of racehorse training in central southern England.

“Our current project is our biggest yet and remains under wraps but we have already designed two major schemes and got them through the planning

process.

“After designing a nearby yard at Whitehouse Farm, Upper Lambourn, we have now completed a second scheme for a new racehorse training yard close by that has the potential to put a new entrant to the industry on the right tracks.”

The yard is the brainchild of Tim Thomson Jones, himself a champion former amateur rider and trainer who now treats horses showing allergic reactions to various stimuli from his base at the HTJ Centre in nearby Eastbury.

A stable yard for 30 horses, a substantial house for the trainer, a new accommodation building for six staff, and a safe, horse-only, access to the Jockey Club gallops that does not involve horses being taken across the busy B4000 route out of the Berkshire village are all in the scheme.

“The site is on the corner of the B4000 and Malt Shovel Lane so is in the heart of Lambourn’s training area,” explains Mr Thomson Jones. “It would suit a new entrant to the industry or an established trainer who wants to operate a yard with all the advantages of this leading training centre’s facilities that doesn’t also involve the expensive upkeep of its own gallops.

“The site has planning permission but will be sold undeveloped so the next owner can then tweak my design, derived from a lifetime’s experience in racing and having previously built a racing yard, to suit their individual taste if they feel the need. Everyone in racehorse training has their own ideas about how to bring in the winners!”

Mr Fraser commented: “There’s real value in Tim’s approach because the hard work of designing the scheme, establishing and solving planning issues, and removing all the problems that a new entrant to yard ownership



might not envisage has already been done. Equally, a current trainer can pick up the reins and progress the plans, adding detail that suits their own experience.

“A recent report commissioned by the Jockey Club and West Berkshire Council shows that racing provides one in three jobs in the Lambourn area with 34 trainers employing around 530 full time equivalent staff and contributing £22.6 million to the local economy. There is demand for a new facility and this top class yard will be a winning attraction to the best staff.”

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