DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT

Client: Gulfstream Falcons (Dubai) Ltd.

Project: Falcon hack pens, Jekils Bank, Moulton Eaugate, Spalding, Lincolnshire

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INTRODUCTION

The proposal is for open air hack pen enclosures for the training and exercising of falcons.

The site is set well back from Jekils Bank, is well screened with native hedging to the west and a small copse to the south and has no immediate neighbours.



View of site looking northwards



View of site from Jekils Bank

USE

The proposed use is in connection with the rearing of falcons. The proposed use of the open air hack pen enclosures is for the training and exercising of the falcons. There is already an aviary to the south of the application site for the breeding of falcons.

AMOUNT

The application site area is approximately 0.3 ha.

There are 4 no. hack pen enclosures proposed which are a hexagonal shape measuring 20m x 20m overall. Each hack pen has an internal area in the region of 318 sq.m. There are 2 no. covered ancillary spaces between the hack pens for catching the falcons.

LAYOUT

The site is to the north of an existing falcon aviary building. The site is ideal for the purpose of rearing falcons because it is a relatively isolated location and offers peace and quiet which is essential for the rearing of the birds.

There is a SHIDB drain to the east of the site. This currently imposes a 9m easement zone from the brink of the drain, however, the applicant has an application pending with the SHIDB to reduce this easement to 7m *(this planning application, therefore, is based on the proposed structure being 7m from the brink of the drain*).

There are 4 no. hack pens (which are open air enclosures). In the centre of the hexagon there is a pole that supports netting. In between the hack pens there are 2 no. covered areas. These are used for access purposes and serve as a catching room enabling the birds to be caught via a hatch door into the hack pen. These rooms ensure that birds are not able to escape.

SCALE

The proposed scale is sympathetic to the immediate context and its rural setting.

Each hack pen enclosure comprises a hexagonal shape measuring 20m x 20m overall. The enclosing walls are approx 3m high. In the centre there is a pole in the region of 4m high which supports cables spanning to the enclosing walls, these cables in turn support the netting.

LANDSCAPING

The site is well screened with soft landscaping, including native hedging, shrubs and trees. The ground inside of the hack pens will be gravel. The existing grassed surfaces around the new structure will be retained.

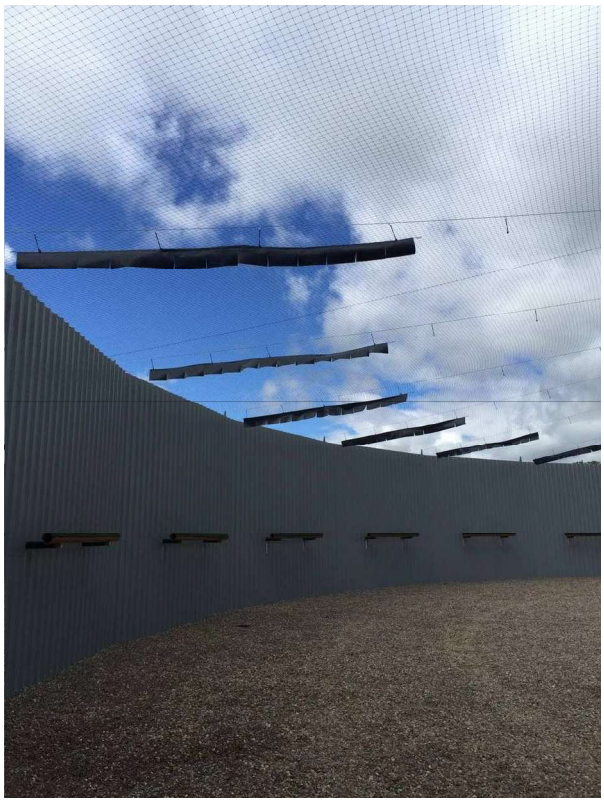
APPEARANCE

The walls will be profiled metal cladding which is a typical material in the agricultural landscape. There is no roof as such (above the hack pens), however, the netting over the top will be a polypropylene type. The roofs above the ancillary spaces will be the same material as the walls for consistency.

The following photographs show a previously built hack pen (albeit circular), in order to give an impression of the form and construction.



View showing gravel ground, profiled metal walls, central pole and netting above



Close up view of profiled metal walls with perches and netting above



Close up view of central pole



Close up view of central pole with perches



View of central pole with netting being installed



View of netting being spread out for installation

ACCESS

Access is gained from within the site. Doors into the hack pens are gained via personnel doors on the east elevation. Access into and within the proposal will be level access.

FLOOD RISK

The application site is not in a flood risk zone. A copy of the EA Flood map for Planning is included as part of this application.

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