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Dear Neighbour

We are Equine Gentling, a herd of rescue horses currently grazing 13 acres at Highview Farmstead in Streat. We are looking for additional sites to be included in our grazing rotation plan between October 2021 until September 2022. At this time our application for a farm tenancy with Brighton & Hove City Council will be submitted.

Our grazing program consists of our herd of 13 horses moving between grazing areas of 10 acres or more. At 10 acres, the herd can graze for approximately 4-6 weeks depending on soil type, the weather and the amount of grass etc available.

Our conservation grazing herd move continually around the land. Their natural inclination to seek out nutrition from growth other than grass means they keep invasive species at bay such as thistle, gorse and nettles. This in turn encourages biodiversity and the regrowth of wildflowers providing habitats for insects, butterflies and other wildlife. In addition, we have a team of volunteers who work with us on any land maintenance jobs such as ragwort clearing, manure removal and fence repair.

Our herd, though domesticated, live very much like conservation grazers which eradicates many of the traditional negative impacts on the land that can occur with large numbers of horses through overgrazing and land poaching. With large herd numbers, highly concentrated land poaching occurs when supplying additional food like hay which encourages horses fighting over food whilst also repeatedly trampling and defecating over a small section/sections of the field.

We are a Community Interest Company working with children and young adults with BESD and SEND from all over Sussex. We use equine assisted healing to nurture, heal, develop communication, enhance resilience, reduce anxiety and build trusting relationships.

Please find enclosed our Land Management Plan, Project Overview, testimonials from our visitors and references from previous landowners. You are most welcome to come and visit us at Highview to see how we operate and to ask any questions you may have.

Yours faithfully

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