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Planning and building regulations and waste and muck disposal – top 10 tips

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1. Capital investment does not always improve capital value
2. 28 day rule means no planning required – general permitted development
3. 10 years continuous use gives you right to apply for a certificate of lawfulness of existing use or development (CLEUD)
4. Planning applications now require substantial supplementary evidence – always tell the full story of your proposal – Councilors are not all equine experts!
5. You don't always need planning permission – equine use is defined differently under planning law from tax law from agricultural law
6. Combine agriculture with equine use to avoid planning issues and ratings issues
7. Insurance must be checked annually for all activities
8. Keeping a Health & Safety file, an accident book and having a first aider beats no paperwork every time
9. Where rates are applied there are reliefs available.
10. Plastic waste – see if your supplier offers a service to take away as well as deliver

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