



## **Accommodation**

Give brief details of the animal accommodation to be provided (i.e. the number, type, approximate size and security of enclosure, including confirmed quarters during the night and winter, and the grouping of animals). If preferred, this information may be submitted in the form of annotated drawings or plans. In any event, a plan showing the proposed layout of the zoo should be submitted.

The tortoise house is an extension of an existing stable block. It is 9.7m long, 3.6m wide and a height of 3.3m. It is made of lapped timber boarding with a felt roof. The structure is fully insulated with a water bowl made into the flooring of the structure so that the tortoise can get in to bathe and drink, but has a plug and drainage to a soak away to allow sufficient cleaning. The accommodation has a ramp from the entrance door to allow the tortoise access to their fully enclosed paddock. The paddock is enclosed with wooden post and rail fencing with wire netting above a foot-high boarding which is also buried a foot below the earth to ensure that should they dig they can't dig under or climb over.

## **Maintenance and Well-being**

Give brief details of arrangements to be made for the animals' well being, including information about the provision, storage and preparation of food arrangements for veterinary care, including preventative measures.

All three tortoise are registered with the leading reptile veterinarian of the country Craig Hunt at Chine House Vets. They had their first check in Sept 19 and will continue to have 3 monthly checks till they are content and happy in their new home. Sulcata's are grazing animals so as advised by Craig their diet is predominantly grasses, timothy hay weeds suitable for a tortoise. Heating and Lighting has been sorted by a specialist company advised by Craig to ensure the heat and lighting is suitable. Faecal egg samples are carried out 6 monthly to monitor and deal with any worm burden. They are also weighed every 3 months to monitor condition.

## **Staff Numbers**

Give details of the numbers and categories of staff employed in the zoo:

<b>Staff</b>	<b>Numbers</b>
Directors/managers	2
Senior Administrative Staff	1
Other administrative staff	N/A
Keeper staff	2
Maintenance staff	2
Others (please specify)	N/A

If any current or proposed member of staff have any convictions under animal welfare or wildlife legislation, provide full details including name, dates, offences and circumstances.

None

**Visitors and motor vehicles**

Approximate number of visitors who are to be accommodated per day

Open April – October  
Three afternoons a week – for 4 hours an afternoon  
Approx 2000 visitors for the whole of the open season

Type and size of car parking facilities (if any)

No parking allocated at the moment, but it is under review/planning

Safari Parks – approximate number of vehicles can be accommodated per day

N/A.....  
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**Access**

Give details of the approximate number and position of the means of access to be provided to the premises. If preferred this information may be submitted in the form of an annotated drawing or plan.

Map enclosed.

**Conservation and Education**

Please specify and provide details of how conservation measure referred to in section 1A of the Zoo Licensing Act 1981 (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2002 are being or will be implemented at the zoo.

Conservation measures will be implemented by promoting public education and awareness in relation to the conservation of biodiversity, in particular by providing information about the species kept in the zoo and their natural habitat.

We will accommodate our animals under conditions which aim to satisfy the biological and conservation requirements of the species to which they belong, including – providing each animal with an environment well adapted to meet the physical, psychological and social needs of the species to which they belong and provide a high standard of animal husbandry with a developed programme of preventative and curative veterinary care and nutrition.

We will prevent the escape of animals putting into place measures to be taken in the event of an escape or unauthorised release of an animal.

We will prevent the intrusion of pests and vermin into the premises and keep up to date records.