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Dear Mr Walker

Farriers Registration Council

Notice is hereby given to you that in consequence of information received by the Farriers Registration Council ("the Council"), an Inquiry is to be held into the following charges, on which evidence will be placed before the Disciplinary Committee at the meeting referred to below.

"That, being registered under the Farriers (Registration) Act 1975 (as amended) ("the Act"), you:

1. On 26 August 2021, at the Cambridge Crown Court, were convicted, following a guilty plea, of assaulting a person thereby occasioning them actual bodily harm, in relation to which offence you were sentenced to 6 months' imprisonment suspended for 18 months, and required to carry out unpaid work for 200 hours;
2. Failed to submit Annual Returns to the Council for the following periods:
 - a. 2017;
 - b. 2018;
 - c. 2019;
 - d. 2020;
 - e. 2021; and
 - f. 2022



3. Your actions at 2f above were dishonest, in that you deliberately failed to submit an Annual Return to the Council in an attempt to conceal your conviction whilst the sentence was still active and/or you believed the conviction to be unspent under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.

And that in relation to the facts alleged above, whether individually or in any combination, you are guilty of serious misconduct in a professional respect.”

The above charges are brought under section 15(1)(a) of the Act.

You are hereby invited to send to this firm an answer in writing to the above-mentioned charge, stating whether you admit or deny it and also specifying which, if any, of the facts set out above you admit. Any answer, admission or other statement or communication which you may desire to make with respect to the said charge should be addressed to:

Miss Nicole Curtis
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Notice is further given to you that on **Monday 13 November 2023** commencing each day at 09:30 am, a meeting of the Disciplinary Committee of the Council will be held at the Council's offices at 14 Swan Court, Forder Way, Cygnet Park, Hampton, Peterborough, PE7 8GX, to consider the above mentioned charge against you and to determine whether or not it should direct the Registrar to remove (by suspension or permanently) your name from the Register pursuant to section 15 of the Act.

You are invited to appear before the Committee at the time specified above to answer the charges.

The Committee has the power, if you do not appear, to hear and decide upon the charges in your absence. This could include imposing a sanction on you in your absence, including directing that your name be removed from the register.

If you wish to apply for the Inquiry to be postponed, you should notify Miss Curtis at the above address as soon as possible, stating the grounds upon which you desire a postponement.

We enclose a copy of the Farriers (Registration) Act 1975 (as amended) and the Farriers Registration Council Disciplinary Committee (Procedure) Rules 1976. Your attention is drawn to Rule 16 with regard to your right to be represented by Counsel, Solicitor or other persons.

Yours sincerely

Capsticks Solicitors LLP

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Encs:

- *Farriers (Registration) Act 1975*
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