



Ribble Valley Borough Council  
Development Control  
Council Offices Church Walk  
Clitheroe  
Lancashire  
BB7 2RA

**Our ref:** NO/2013/105508/01-L01  
**Your ref:** 3/2013/0691  
**Date:** 30 August 2013

Dear Sir/Madam

**PROPOSED CONVERSION OF 3NO. BARN TO 4NO. DWELLINGS, ERECTION OF AGRICULTURAL BUILDING FOLLOWING DEMOLITION OF EXISTING STRUCTURES AND AGRICULTURAL ACCESS ROAD  
ELMRIDGE FARM ELMRIDGE LANE CHIPPING**

Thank you for consulting us on the above application.

We have no objection in principle to the proposed development but wish to make the following comments:-

Under the Environmental Permitting (England & Wales) Regulations 2010 any discharge of sewage or trade effluent made to either surface water or groundwater will need to be registered as an exempt discharge activity or hold an environmental permit issued by the Environment Agency. This applies to any discharge to inland freshwaters, coastal waters or relevant territorial waters.

Domestic effluent discharged from a treatment plant/septic tank at 2 cubic metres or less to ground or 5 cubic metres or less to surface water in any 24 hour period may be registered as an exempt activity provided that no public foul sewer is available to serve the development and that the site is not within an inner Groundwater Source Protection Zone.

A soakaway used to serve a non-mains drainage system must be sited no less than 10 metres from the nearest watercourse, not less than 10 metres from any other foul soakaway and not less than 50 metres from the nearest potable water supply.

Where the proposed development involves the connection of foul drainage to an existing non-mains drainage system, the applicant should ensure that it is in a good state of repair, regularly desludged and of sufficient capacity to deal with any potential increase in flow and loading which may occur as a result of the development.

The proposed development must fully comply with the terms of The Water Resources (Control of Pollution) (Silage, Slurry and Agricultural Fuel Oil) (England) Regulations 2010 and The Code of Good Agricultural Practice (COGAP) for the protection of water, soil and air (produced by DEFRA).

The Environment Agency must be informed of a new, reconstructed or enlarged slurry store, silage clamp or fuel stores at least 14 days before the structure is brought into use. Further guidance is available on our website and the applicant will need to complete WQE3: New or improved agricultural structures form which can be obtained from the Environment Agency.

Only clean surface water from roofs and paved areas should be discharged to any surface water soakaway or watercourse.

A copy of this letter has been sent to the applicant/agent.

Yours faithfully

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