

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

**Our ref:** NO/2016/108923/01-L01  
**Your ref:** 3/2016/0468  
**Date:** 22 June 2016

Dear Sir/Madam

**CONSTRUCTION OF AN ABOVE GROUND STEEL CIRCULAR SLURRY STORE  
ALONGSIDE EXISTING STORE AT LOWER ALSTON FARM, CHURCH STREET,  
RIBCHESTER, PR3 3XS**

Thank you for consulting us on the above application. We have no objection in principle and would like to make the following comments:

**Development involving sludge or slurry**

The proposed development must fully comply with the terms of The Water Resources (Control of Pollution) (Silage, Slurry and Agricultural Fuel Oil) (England) (SSAFO) Regulations 2010 and as amended 2013. Environmental good practice advice is available in The Code of Good Agricultural Practice (COGAP) for the protection of water, soil and air (produced by DEFRA). The applicant is advised to review the existing on-farm slurry and manure storage and ensure compliance with the SSAFO Regulations.

You must inform the Environment Agency, verbally (Tel: 03708 506 506) or in writing, of a new, reconstructed or enlarged slurry store, silage clamp or fuel stores at least 14 days before starting any construction work. The notification must include the type of structure, the proposed design and construction, and once an agreed proposal has been constructed we will ask you to send us a completed WQE3 notification form before you start using the facility.

Further guidance is available:

- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/storing-silage-slurry-and-agricultural-fuel-oil>
- [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/268691/pb13558-cogap-131223.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/268691/pb13558-cogap-131223.pdf)

**Flood Risk**

The application site lies within Flood Zone 2, which is defined as having a medium probability of flooding in the national Planning Practice Guide to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). A Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) has not been submitted in accordance with the NPPF. However, in this instance, the proposed development is

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classified as 'less vulnerable' in the PPG and, if you are minded to approve this application, we consider that the proposed development would not be at an unacceptable risk of flooding or exacerbate flood risk elsewhere.

Yours faithfully

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