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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Our Clients - Messrs R & J Whitwell, Pendleton Hall Farm, Clitheroe Road, Pendleton, BB7 1PT – Prior Notification Application for a Covered Silage Clamp at Pendleton Hall Farm.

This letter accompanies a prior notification application as outlined above, which we have submitted online via the planning portal, on behalf of our above named clients. The application has been allocated the Portal Reference: PP – 06314973. Submitted with this application is a location plan, RLR maps, existing and proposed site plans, and proposed plans and elevations. Also enclosed is a cheque for the application fee of £80.00 made payable to the Council for dealing with the application.

The applicants farm 1,489 acres (603 hectares) and currently keep circa 60 beef young stock, and 50 dairy young stock. They also have 720 ewes and 900 lambs, and they also buy in around 250 stores to fatten. They crop in the region of 120/130 acres and make round and square bales. Under separate full planning applications our clients are applying for a dairy unit complex to house 200 dairy cattle and milk using robots. Another application also seeks permission for an earth bunded slurry lagoon. The proposed silage clamp will provide better storage facilities for the existing and proposed enterprises; it will also mean that the crop will be of better quality to be fed to the livestock.

The applicants now want to produce silage instead of haylage to improve the efficiency of the farming enterprise. The cost of haylage netting and wrap is expensive and when unwrapped makes the farm appear untidy and it also needs to be disposed of. If the wrap gets torn then the bales will rot which causes wastage therefore costing the applicants money. If one bale rots this causes other bales in the stack to rot also which causes effluent run off and can cause pollution. The production of haylage is more time consuming and costly and it is quicker when feeding cattle to load the feeder wagon from a silage clamp as opposed to unwrapping bales then putting in the feeder wagon.



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I trust that there is sufficient information enclosed with this application on which to register and validate it and I look forward to receipt and acknowledgement of this in due course, with the details of the planning officer dealing with the application. If in the mean time you require any further information in regard to the above matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Black', written in a cursive style.

Robert Black

Encl'

CC Messrs R & J Whitwell - Pendleton Hall Farm