

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

Our ref: NO/2018/110713/01-L02
Your ref: 3/2018/0138
Date: 01 May 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

ERECTION OF AN AGRICULTURAL BUILDING FOR FREE RANGE EGG PRODUCTION TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED FEED BINS AND HARDSTANDING AREAS AND ACCESS

STANDRIDGE WIGGLESWORTH ROAD SLAIDBURN BB7 4TR

Thank you for consulting us on the above application,

Environment Agency position

We have no objection to the proposed development but we would offer the following comments:-

We understand the addition of the proposed 32,000 free range unit would take total number of poultry places at the farm above 40,000 places. As such an Environmental Permit would be required under the Environmental Permitting Regulations (England and Wales) 2016. The permit sets conditions relating to pollution control matters such as odour, noise, and manure management. The applicant should also be aware that they will have to comply with the best available techniques (BAT) standards for the intensive rearing of poultry. This includes poultry housing design and operation and will also apply to the existing poultry housing at the farm. Further details of the pre-application process together with the requirements of the permit can be found via the link below:-

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/intensive-farming-risk-assessment-for-your-environmental-permit>

The Environment Agency visited the farm approximately two years ago providing initial advice and guidance with regards to the requirements of the permit. The applicant should contact Simon Boocock in our Environment Management team to discuss their proposals in more detail.

Environment Agency
PO Box 519, South Preston, Lancashire, PR5 8GD.
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www.gov.uk/environment-agency
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A copy of this letter has been sent to the applicant / agent.

Yours faithfully

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cc Avalon Town Planning