

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

Our ref: NO/2019/111662/01-L01
Your ref: 3/2019/0239
Date: 23 April 2019

Dear Sir/Madam

THE ERECTION OF AN AGRICULTURAL BUILDING, A SILAGE CLAMP AND A SLURRY LAGOON ON LAND ADJACENT TO EXISTING FARM BUILDINGS; HALL BARN FARM, STONYHURST, CLITHEROE, BB7 9PT

Thank you for your consultation of 16 April 2019 on the above application.

Environment Agency position

We have no objection to this application, but we would like to draw the applicant's attention to the following informative comments:

Pollution prevention – advice to applicant

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. Any agricultural development that will result in an increase in cattle numbers or water usage may adversely impact the storage of waste waters, slurry and other polluting matter.

The applicant must inform the Environment Agency of a new, reconstructed or enlarged slurry store, silage clamp or fuel store at least 14 days before starting any construction work. The notification must include the type of structure, the proposed design and construction. Further guidance, including how to calculate capacity, is available at https://www.gov.uk/guidance/storing-silage-slurry-and-agricultural-fuel-oil?dm_i=3O4M,GCXL,3L5KEJ,1QV3H,1 and CIRIA have detailed guides on site selection, design and construction which are available at: https://www.ciria.org/Resources/Free_publications/Farms.aspx?dm_i=3O4M,GCXL,3L5KEJ,1SCGJ,1

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If the applicant would like to discuss the proposed development in relation to compliance with the SSAFO regulation, they can contact us by e-mail at: AgricumbandLancs@environment-agency.gov.uk.

Further guidance is available on the GOV.UK website:

- Storing silage, slurry and agricultural fuel oil
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/storing-silage-slurry-and-agricultural-fuel-oil>
- Protecting our Water, Soil and Air: A Code of Good Agricultural Practice for farmers, growers and land managers
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/protecting-our-water-soil-and-air>

Yours faithfully

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