

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

**Our ref:** NO/2019/111662/02-L01  
**Your ref:** 3/2019/0239  
**Date:** 19 July 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 consulting us on the amended plan for the above location which we received 16 July 2019.

**Environment Agency Position**

We have reviewed the change in location for the proposed slurry lagoon and have no further comments to add to our response dated 23 April 2019, in which the following advice to the applicant was provided.

**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->

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Lutra House Walton Summit, Bamber Bridge, Preston, PR5 8BX.  
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[https://www.ciria.org/Resources/Free\\_publications/Farms.aspx?dm\\_i=3O4M,GCXL,3L5KEJ,1SCGJ,1](https://www.ciria.org/Resources/Free_publications/Farms.aspx?dm_i=3O4M,GCXL,3L5KEJ,1SCGJ,1)

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](mailto: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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