

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

**Our ref:** NO/2019/111996/01-L01  
**Your ref:** 3/2019/0681

**Date:** 12 September 2019

Dear Sir/Madam

**COVER EXISTING SILO CLAMPS WITH ROOF AND EXTEND BY ONE BAY (6.75M) TO THE REAR.  
WINCKLEY HALL FARM WHALLEY ROAD, STONYHURST, CLITHEROE.**

Thank you for consulting us on the above application which we received 27 August 2019.

### **Environment Agency position**

We have no objection to the application, but we have the following informative comments:-

### **Flood risk standing advice - advice to LPA**

The application site is located within Flood Zone 2 on the Environment Agency Flood Map for Planning. In the planning practice guidance to the NPPF, Flood Zone 2 is defined as having a medium probability of flooding and the proposal is for 'less vulnerable' development.

We have produced a series of standard comments for local planning authorities and planning applicants to refer to on 'lower risk' development proposals. These comments replace direct case-by-case consultation with us. This proposal falls within this category.

These standard comments are known as Flood Risk Standing Advice (FRSA). They can be viewed at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/flood-risk-assessment-for-planningapplications#when-to-follow-standing-advice>

We recommend that you view our standing advice in full before making a decision on this application. We do not need to be consulted in this regard.

### **Pollution prevention - advice to applicant**

Only clean surface water from roofs and paved areas should be discharged to any surface water soakaway or watercourse.

Environment Agency  
Lutra House Walton Summit, Bamber Bridge, Preston, PR5 8BX.  
Customer services line: 03708 506 506  
[www.gov.uk/environment-agency](http://www.gov.uk/environment-agency)

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.

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>

We also recommend that the applicant reviews the following rules for farmers to prevent water pollution:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rules-for-farmers-and-land-managers-to-prevent-water-pollution>

Yours faithfully

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