

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

Our ref: NO/2022/114457/01-L01
Your ref: 3/2022/0225
Date: 12 May 2022

Dear Sir/Madam

**ERECTION OF A NEW AGRICULTURAL BUILDING TO CREATE SPACE FOR A
FEED PASSAGE AND LOOSE HOUSING FOR COWS AND ASSOCIATED
CONCRETING AND FORMATION OF SLURRY PIT.
DICKINSONS FARM, PENDLETON, BB7 1PT**

Thank you for consulting us on the above application which we received 05 May 2022.

Environment Agency position

We have no objection to the development as proposed. We note that the new buildings will encompass an underground slurry store and we therefore have the following advice regarding SSAFO regulations for the 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 is advised to review the existing on-farm slurry and manure storage and ensure compliance with the SSAFO Regulations. You 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>

and CIRIA have detailed guides on site selection, design and construction
<https://www.ciria.org/ItemDetail?iProductCode=C759F&Category=FREEPUBS&WebsiteKey=3f18c87a-d62b-4eca-8ef4-9b09309c1c91>

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

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The lagoon should be sited sufficiently far away from any watercourses and land drains. If you would like to discuss the proposed development in relation to compliance with the SSAFO regulation, please contact us.

The applicant should also be aware that the new slurry pit will need to be inspected and signed off by a member of the Environment Agency Agriculture team before being brought into use.

Further guidance is available:

Storing silage, slurry and agricultural fuel oil - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Protecting our water, soil and air: A code of Good Agricultural Practice for farmers, growers and land managers (publishing.service.gov.uk)

Yours faithfully

