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**Our ref:** NO/2023/115365/01-L01  
**Your ref:** 3/2023/0465  
**Date:** 06 July 2023

Dear Mr Hopcroft

**ERECTION OF ONE NEW DAIRY CATTLE BUILDING WITH UNDERGROUND SLURRY TANKS, ASSOCIATED HARD STANDING AND SOLAR PANELS TO SOUTH FACING ROOFSCAPE, REMOVAL OF REDUNDANT METAL RING SLURRY STORE AND ERECTION OF TWO CONCRETE SLURRY TANKS WITH CANOPIES. BLACK MOSS FARM, ELMRIDGE LANE, CHIPPING, PR3 2NY**

Thank you for consulting us on the above application which we received 26 June 2023

**Environment Agency position**

We have no objection to the development proposed; however, we have the following advice for the LPA/applicant.

**SSAFO Regulations – 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.

The applicant should also ensure the proposed development supports compliance with:

- The Reduction and Prevention of Agricultural Diffuse Pollution (England) Regulations 2018 known as Farming Rules for Water (FRfW),
- The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 (EPR)
- The Nitrate Pollution Prevention Regulations 2015 (NVZ)

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). 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 consider both the proposed development and existing on-farm slurry and manure storage to ensure compliance with the regulations (SSAFO, FRfW, EPR, NVZ).

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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)

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As a condition of SSAFO, you must notify the Environment Agency of a new, reconstructed or enlarged slurry store, silage clamp or fuel stores at least 14 days before starting any construction work. The notification must include the type of structure, the proposed design and construction. Please note the Environment Agency must be informed of your proposals **in addition to** any application for planning permission. Upon completion of the work, the applicant must contact the Environment Agency Agriculture Team to arrange for the new slurry facility to be inspected before it is brought into use.

If the applicant intends to apply for a grant under the Farming Investment Fund – Slurry Infrastructure grant the proposed development must also fully comply with the grant scheme rules, found at - [Slurry Infrastructure grant](#). In this case the SSAFO notification to the Environment Agency will be satisfied by the submission of the grant application form.

**Further guidance:**

[Storing silage, slurry and agricultural fuel oil](#)

[Protecting our water, soil and air](#)

Site selection, design and construction:

[https://www.ciria.org/CIRIA/CIRIA/Item\\_Detail.aspx?iProductCode=C759F&Category=F REEPUBS](https://www.ciria.org/CIRIA/CIRIA/Item_Detail.aspx?iProductCode=C759F&Category=F REEPUBS)

Yours sincerely

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