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Dear Ben Taylor

Planning consultation: 3/2023/0645 - Proposed earth bank slurry store with associated landscaping

Location: Raygill Moss Farm, Gisburn Road, Bolton By Bowland, BB7 4LS

Thank you for your consultation which included the Simple Calculation of Atmospheric Impact Limits (SCAIL) assessment that was received by Natural England on 24 November 2023.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

SUMMARY OF NATURAL ENGLAND'S ADVICE

NO OBJECTION

Based on the plans submitted, Natural England considers that the proposed development will not have significant adverse impacts on designated sites and has no objection.

European Designated Sites

Despite the proximity of the application to European Sites, the consultation documents provided do not include information to demonstrate that the requirements of regulation 63 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) have been considered by your authority, i.e. the consultation does not include a Habitats Regulations Assessment. In advising your authority on the requirements relating to Habitats Regulations Assessment, it is Natural England's advice that the proposal is not necessary for the management of the European site.

Based on the plans and SCAIL assessment provided, Natural England considers that the proposed development will not have likely significant effects on North Pennine Dales Meadows Special Area of Conservation (SAC), and have no objection to the proposed development.

On the basis of the information provided, in order to assist your authority in screening for the likelihood of significant effects, it is Natural England's advice that the proposal is unlikely to have a significant effect on any European site, and can therefore be screened out from any requirement for further assessment.

It is recommended that the following information is used to record your conclusions with regard to the likelihood of significant effects:

- Screening via the SCAIL assessment has indicated that the process contribution (PC) for all pollutants at all sites will be <1% of the relevant critical level or load for the most sensitive habitat

Nationally Designated Sites

Based on the plans submitted, Natural England considers that the proposed development will not damage or destroy the interest features for which White Moss Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Langcliff Cross Meadow SSSI, New Ing Meadow SSSI and Bell Sykes Meadows SSSI have been notified for and has no objection based upon the SCAIL assessment provided.

Should the proposal change, please consult us again.

If you have any queries relating to the advice in this letter, or any additional information or consultation requests, please contact consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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