

Blackmoss farm

Construction surface water

management plan

1. Develop a plan.

As with most things on a construction site, successfully planning is key. How you will deal with water requires a lot of thought before work starts. A good plan will include the following list and address any statutory requirements placed upon the project.

2. Know what and where the receptors are.

The terminology may change but the themes remain the same. Surface waters as defined by the EA or the <u>Water Environment</u> as referenced by SEPA includes watercourses, rivers, streams, estuaries, lakes and canals. If pollutants from your site reach any of the above you are at risk of enforcement action, so it is important to know where they are in relation to your works.

3. Keep non-site water away from your construction activities.

This will obviously vary massively depending on the nature of the site, but plans should be made to isolate your works from any pre-construction surface flows. This can be in the form of impermeable bunds, upslope cut off drains or a mixture of the two. Be aware that the water you stop moving over your site will need to go somewhere, so build in plans to allow the water to move across your site in a way that maintains its non-site contaminated status. Tying your pre-construction drainage into existing watercourses is one way of achieving this, provided all statutory paperwork and commitments are observed.

4. Keep clean water clean.

If there is water on your site that is uncontaminated, try and keep it that way. Broadly speaking, reducing the volume of contaminated water reduces the associated costs of treating it.

5. Have multiple discharge points and keep them as far as is practical from the natural water environment.

In the UK, we are subject to relatively high precipitation rates, which means that even though we have installed measures to stop water flowing on to site, it is very likely that the project will have to treat water that falls on it. If possible, the installation of multiple discharge points treating surface flow close to the source of pollution is preferential. This means you are treating smaller volumes at each location and are discharging the treated water over a larger area.

As discussed, surface waters or the Water Environment are your receptors. Try to discharge your treated water as far as possible from these to reduce the risks. If this is not possible robust treatment measures will be required.

6. Slow silt laden site water down.

Reducing kinetic energy in silt laden waters allows sediments to settle out of the water more effectively. This is commonly achieved through check dams and settlement ponds within your treatment systems. Shallow ponds are more efficient at removing sediment from water than deeper ponds. It is therefore important to understand the difference between attenuating water for flood prevention and using settlement ponds to treat silt laden water.

7. Overcompensate and maintain.

Where possible, it is better to overestimate the volume of water a treatment system will deal with. This will give the system a better chance to cope with any unexpectedly large downpours, or other climatic variables such as significant snowmelt or precipitation falling on baked earth which can lead to an initial increase in surface flow. The treatment systems are there to remove pollutants and so can become overwhelmed, it is therefore critical to maintain the systems so they remain effective.

- 1. Plan & spec attached as appendices.
- 2. The preconstruction water from the farm currently flows into an existing swale and discharges into brook
- 3. Our construction water is being kept separate from nonconstruction water by means of pumping into settlement tanks and settlement ponds
- 4. This will be controlled as per item 3
- 5. As this construction site is 500m + from discharge point with multiple manholes with catchpits and the swale being used post discharge we don't see this as a problem but it will be monitored

- 6. As per number 5 with the distance and the use of swales, settlement ponds, catchpits etc this will control the flow
- 7. We will be monitoring the flow rates and the quality of water discharged and if we see any problem works will be ceased till a solution is sorted

Appendix 5 Pumps & silt removal equipment



Sykes Pumps Sift Away

SPECIFICATION

Seitlement area: 10 m² Water capacity: 5000 fibres Weight empty: 196 kg

(LxWxH): 2320x2320x206mm

The Silt Away unit has been specifically designed to separate suspended solids and sediment from water pumped from various ground sources, including construction sites,

Pumped water passes through the Sittaway tilters via a Lamella platebox, allowing solids contained in water to drop into a discharge chamber below.

SETTLEMENT TANKS

SPECIFICATION



Capacity (Strest: 3000 Langth (mm): 2400 Width formit 1200 Holght (mm): 1200 Weight Empty (Kg): 900

Syles offer a range of settlement tanks to be used on the discharge side of any pumpset. The tanks are specially designed to prevent silt and lines being discharged into the water course or drains. Each tank is provided with a series of weir plates, Bauer quick release couplings, lifting eyes and drain plugs.

Must not be lifted full .

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