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BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Ben Taylor

Planning consultation: Proposed construction of an earth banked slurry lagoon and associated landscaping.

Location: Higher Greenhead Farm Gisburn Road Sawley BB7 4LQ

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 25 April 2024 which was received by Natural England on 25 April 2024

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 Pennine Dales Meadows Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and has no objection.

A lack of objection does not mean that there are no significant environmental impacts. Natural England advises that all environmental impacts and opportunities are fully considered and relevant local bodies are consulted.

Natural England's further advice on designated sites and advice on other natural environment issues is set out below.

North Pennine Dales Meadows Special Area of Conservation

The consultation documents provided by your authority do not include information to demonstrate that the requirements of Regulations 63 and 64 of the Habitats Regulations 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. 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 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 at each designated site

Langcliff Cross Meadow Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Bell Sykes Meadows SSSI and New Ing Meadow SSSI

Based on the plans submitted, Natural England considers that the proposed development will not damage or destroy the interest features for which the site has been notified and has no objection.

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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