

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

**Our ref:** NO/2024/116001/01-L01  
**Your ref:** 3/2024/0190  
**Date:** 16 April 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

**PROPOSED ENGINEERING WORKS TO FORM AN OPEN SILAGE CLAMP (THREE WALLS AND SLAB ONLY)  
LOWER ALSTON FARM, RIVERSIDE, RIBCHESTER, PR3 3XS**

Thank you for consulting us on the above application which we received 28 March 2024.

**Environment Agency position**

We have no objection to the proposed development however, we have the following advice for the 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).

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**

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**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.

Further guidance:

[Storing silage, slurry and agricultural fuel oil - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

[Protecting our water, soil and air - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

Site selection, design and construction:

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

Yours faithfully

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