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Ribble Valley Borough Council
Development Control
Council Offices Church Walk
Clitheroe
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Our ref: NO/2025/116974/01-L01
Your ref: 3/2025/0581
Date: 29 August 2025

Dear Mr Taylor

PROPOSED EARTH BANKED SLURRY LAGOON.

HORTON PASTURE FARM, RAKES LANE, HORTON IN CRAVEN, BD23 3JP

Thank you for consulting us on the above application, which was received on 18 August 2025.

Environment Agency position

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). End 2

Environment Agency
Lutra House Walton Summit, Bamber Bridge, Preston, PR5 8BX.
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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.

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=FREEPUBS

Yours sincerely

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