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c/o Mr Ben Taylor
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12th March 2026

Dear Mr Taylor,

Re: Air Quality Concerns for the proposed Livestock Building with Manure Store at Greenbanks Farm, Grindleton

Following your email dated 11 March 2026 and the letter from Natural England dated 24 February 2026, further investigation into the potential air quality impacts associated with the proposed building have been undertaken.

A search using SCAIL Agriculture identified that no Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) fall within the 2 km screening distance applicable to manure storage. However, four SSSIs were identified within the 5 km screening distance specified in Table 1 of the guidance "Air pollution and development: advice for local authorities" for livestock and poultry units exceeding 500 m² floorspace. These sites are:

- Coplow Quarry SSSI
- Clitheroe Knoll Reefs SSSI
- Salthill and Bellman Park Quarries SSSI
- Little Mearley Clough SSSI

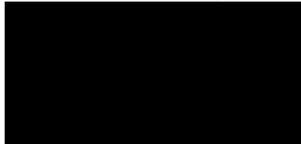
We have reviewed each site using the Air Pollution Information System (APIS) to identify relevant critical loads and critical levels. No critical loads or levels are provided for these sites within APIS. A review of the SSSI register and site citations published by Natural England confirms that these sites are designated for geological interest, including rock exposures, fossil formations and stratigraphic features, rather than ecological habitats or vegetation communities.

Critical loads and levels within APIS apply to biological receptors, such as vegetation, lichens and soil ecosystems, which can be affected by pollutants including ammonia and nitrogen deposition. As the notified features of the identified SSSIs relate solely to geological formations, they are not considered sensitive receptors for these pollutants and no critical loads or levels are assigned.

In accordance with the screening approach set out within “Air pollution and development: advice for local authorities”, air quality assessment focuses on designated sites where sensitive ecological receptors are present and where critical loads or levels may be exceeded. As the identified SSSIs are designated exclusively for geological features, there is no pathway by which emissions associated with livestock housing could adversely affect the notified interest features.

Based on the information currently available, the proposed development is therefore not considered likely to result in adverse air quality impacts on the identified SSSIs, and it is concluded that the development would not give rise to a likely significant effect on their notified features in relation to air quality.

Yours sincerely,



Edward Dickinson

For and on Behalf of John Pallister Limited