

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

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31 July 2026

Proposed construction of an earth banked slurry lagoon

**Land adjacent to Woodhouse Gate Farm, Catlow Road, Slaidburn, Lancashire,
BB7 3AQ**

Dear Planning Officer,

Thank you for consulting us on the above application.

Environment Agency position

We have no objection to the development as proposed and wish to make the following comments: -

Development involving silage/slurry – 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. 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). The applicant is advised to review the existing on-farm slurry and manure storage and ensure compliance with the SSAFO Regulations.

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 review the existing on-farm slurry and manure storage and ensure compliance with the SSAFO Regulations. These regulations require you to inform the Environment Agency, verbally (Tel: 03708 506 506) or in writing, 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, and once an agreed proposal has been constructed we will ask you to send us a completed WQE3 notification form before you start using the facility.

Further guidance is available:

[Storing silage, slurry and agricultural fuel oil](#)

[Protecting our Water, Soil and Air: A Code of Good Agricultural Practice for farmers, growers and land managers](#)

If you have any questions regarding our response, please contact clplanning@environment-agency.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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