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**Planning Application 3/2026/0587**

**Construction of an earth-banked slurry lagoon and associated landscaping at Plane Tree Farm, Chipping Road, Chaigley**

I wish to object to application **3/2026/0587** for the construction of an earth-banked slurry lagoon and associated landscaping at Plane Tree Farm, Chaigley.

Although I do not reside in the immediate locality, I am a regular walker and visitor to this part of Ribble Valley and therefore have a strong interest in the protection of its landscape, tranquillity and public enjoyment.

**Impact on the Forest of Bowland National Landscape**

The application site lies within the **Forest of Bowland National Landscape** (formerly the Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty). This nationally protected landscape is designated for its exceptional natural beauty, scenic quality and distinctive rural character.

The proposed development comprises a substantial slurry lagoon together with associated earth bunding, access track, safety fencing and landscaping. The scale and engineered nature of these works would introduce a prominent man-made feature into open countryside and would, in my view, fail to conserve the character and appearance of this nationally important landscape.

**Visual Impact and Landscape Character**

The submitted site plan shows a large lagoon enclosed by earth bunds within an existing grassland field.

Whilst the applicant proposes landscape planting, the mitigation relies principally upon the future growth of newly planted native trees. The landscaping scheme proposes a total of 75 trees, generally only 90 to 120 cm in height at the time of planting. These trees will take many years to establish and provide meaningful screening. During this lengthy period the lagoon, bunding and associated infrastructure would remain visible within the landscape.

The planning authority should therefore consider the actual visual impact that will be experienced in the short and medium term, rather than the theoretical appearance many years after the planting has fully matured.

**Impact on Recreational Enjoyment of the Countryside**

The countryside surrounding Chaigley and Chipping is widely used by walkers and visitors who value the area's openness, tranquillity and scenic views.

As a regular user of the area, I am concerned that the development would diminish the quality of the landscape experienced by those enjoying the countryside. The cumulative effect of the lagoon, earthworks and associated structures would detract from the sense of rural character that contributes to the special qualities of the Forest of Bowland National Landscape.

## **Amenity Considerations**

I note that an odour assessment has been submitted in support of the application. Nevertheless, slurry storage facilities have the potential to affect the amenity not only of nearby residents but also of those using surrounding roads, footpaths and open countryside. I ask that the Council carefully scrutinise the submitted evidence and be fully satisfied that the proposal would not adversely affect the enjoyment of the area by recreational users.

## **Conclusion**

For the reasons set out above, I consider that the proposal would result in unacceptable harm to the character, scenic quality and enjoyment of the Forest of Bowland National Landscape and that the proposed landscaping would not adequately mitigate these impacts for many years.

I therefore respectfully request that Ribble Valley Borough Council refuses planning application 3/2026/0587.

Yours faithfully,

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I would object strongly to this application.

- 1 It is as far away from the farm as possible.
- 2 It does not have a power supply for the pumping of slurry
- 3 It is far too near neighbours housing ie 100 meters causing a nuisance from the smell.
- 4 The farm already has a slurry pit which could be enlarged, thereby avoiding controversy.

Regards [REDACTED].