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I am writing as a previous Chaigley resident currently still residing in Ribble Valley, who enjoys walking the free access footpaths on Longridge fell and along the banks of the Hodder I'm objecting to the above planning application on the following grounds

Existing footpaths run close to the proposed site which at 60m /25m plus 4m circumference access road, high bund and steel fencing will be almost impossible to screen from all angles to mitigate the visual impact in a well used National Landscape Area

The adverse effect on air quality and associated odour would be felt using the aerobic effort to climb up the fell from Walker Fold to Sam Lords View and circular footpath back passing close to the site in both directions

You can regularly see signs of slurry contamination in and on the banks of the Hodder and some of the joining streams and brooks are almost devoid of aquatic life

Water flows off the fell and fields in torrents during times of rainfall

There are several examples of modern agriculture collecting and storing slurry in the area.

The best, having fixed roof like covers on the tank which prevents rainfall diluting the slurry .This allows more concentrated product spread, less often on the fields ,preventing excessive run off . This also reduces odour more effectively.

The proposed slurry lagoon is situated under 200m from residential properties .

The applicant farms dairy cows and pigs , a clay floating ball cover will not prevent water contamination rainfall , flood or overflow.

Odour levels will be offensive in a steep sided valley at Walker Fold during more regular spreading , agitation ,low wind and heat .

All of which reduce amenity for residents and walkers enjoying gardening and other outdoor activity

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Proposal: Construction of an earth banked slurry lagoon and associated landscaping to include native tree planting.

Dear Ms Cullen,

I am a resident of the hamlet Walker Fold, and on Monday 17th August, we received a notification through the post relating to the planning application for a slurry lagoon which will be constructed above the residential community,

I wish to register my strong objection to this application, and provide you with points below as to why I consider this totally unacceptable and which is causing us all huge concern for the safety of the community, the National Landscape and the recreation of many of the general public who have open access to the paths, and by~ways on Longridge Fell, which is adjacent to the proposed lagoon.

Not only are these my concerns, but also the situation whereby the changes in climate are bringing about more heavy rainfall, flash floods and thunderstorms, which bring excessive run off from the fields above Walker Fold, and affect our paths, and roads with erosion, and also contaminated water after slurry spreading.

1. This tank will be 60x25 metres in size. It is a huge slurry lagoon, and at a distance of only 140 metres from the nearest property in the hamlet, but it is 450 metres away from the farm itself.

2. The smell from the lagoon will impede upon all the properties in Walker fold, and mean that when slurry spreading commences, which will now be in summertime, according to legislation, all the amenities of the residents will be affected. The enjoyment of gardens and outdoor spaces will be affected hugely. Our community has young children of two years old, to elderly residents of 86 years, all of whom enjoy their outdoor activities. Strong airborne odours can affect respiratory conditions and certain residents will be affected.

3. We are notified of a tank cover, which is specified as a floating cover. I would assume that would degenerate over time, and as such, allow the ingress of water/ rainfall, which would increase the slurry volume.

If the lining, is single skin, as stated, the possibility of run off is increased, and this would have impact on the land around the lagoon, and run off affect the residents.

The lagoon is proposed to be located near a brook, which the submission quotes as being very dry. This is not the case, and over the years the community has had to rally to divert the heavy water flow to ensure it does not flood certain properties. photographic and video evidence can be provided to argue this point.

5. There has been alleged "soil testing " on a previous site location, but the results are all 0, and from top soil in times of extreme drought, so can not be proven to be accurate.

6. As Walker Fold is in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, or Nation Landscape, as it is now referred to, there is a huge encouragement for farmers to protect the natural wildlife, and primarily the curlew, in the Forest of Bowland action plan.

The curlew is a returning bird, every year. As I can observe our native birds, I have yearly watched the curlew arrive in March, and build its nest in the proposed field of the lagoon. As increased mechanical commercial cutting and slurry spreading has been increasing, I have witnessed the destruction of the nesting curlews after the first cut, and the birds screaming after the fast grass cutting by contractors.

The habitat will be completely be destroyed with this proposal, as more cutting and slurry will be constantly facilitated during the permitted months.

I hope that these few points will show you that the impact of this proposal is so detrimental to our residents, landscape and natural habitat.

Yours faithfully,

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