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Our ref: WX/2025/138961/01-L01
Your ref: PL/2025/03888

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Dear Jonathan

**FORMATION OF SLURRY RESERVOIR. INFILLING OF EXISTING SLURRY RESERVOIR
AND ERECTION OF NEW BARN (PART RETROSPECTIVE)**

SHARCOTT PENNINGS FARM WILCOT ROAD, PEWSEY, SN9 5NL.

Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency on the above application.

Environment Agency Position

We have **no objection** to the above application but ask that the following informatives are added to any permission.

Informative - SSAFO

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.

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.

Informative- Other regulations

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)

To discuss the requirements under The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 we recommend that the applicant contacts the Environment Agency on either email enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk or Telephone 03708 506 506.

Informative- Storage

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).

Informative- Slurry Infrastructure Grant

If the applicant intends to apply for a grant a Slurry Infrastructure grant the proposed development must also fully comply with the grant scheme rules. In this case the SSAFO notification to the Environment Agency will be satisfied by the submission of the grant application form.

Informative - Pollution Prevention During Construction

Safeguards must be implemented during the construction phase to minimise the risks of pollution from the development. Such safeguards should cover:

- the use of plant and machinery wheel washing and vehicle wash-down oils/chemicals and materials
- the use and routing of heavy plant and vehicles
- the location and form of work and storage areas and compounds
- the control and removal of spoil and wastes.

Advice to Applicant - Further guidance

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).

Storing silage, slurry and agricultural fuel oil - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/storing-silage-slurry-and-agricultural-fuel-oil>

Protecting our water, soil and air - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/protecting-our-water-soil-and-air>

Site selection, design and construction:

https://www.ciria.org/CIRIA/CIRIA/Item_Detail.aspx?iProductCode=C759F&Category=FREEPUBS

Important note to Applicant -

A variation to your permit will be required to include the proposed development. Please see <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/change-transfer-or-cancel-your-environmental-permit> for guidance. The applicant is advised to contact the Environment Agency on 03708 506 506 for further advice. You should be aware that there is no guarantee that a permit variation will be granted.

Note to LPA

In accordance with the planning practice guidance, please notify us of a decision being made or application withdrawn. Please provide us with a URL of the decision notice, or an electronic copy of the decision notice or outcome.

Should you require any additional information, or have any queries regarding our response please get in touch

Yours sincerely

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