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Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Excavations or Deposits of Waste Material reasonably necessary for the purposes of Agriculture

The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) - Schedule 2, Part 6

Publication of applications on planning authority websites

Please note that the information provided on this application form and in supporting documents may be published on the Authority's website. If you require any further clarification, please contact the Authority's planning department.

Site Location

Disclaimer: We can only make recommendations based on the answers given in the questions.

If you cannot provide a postcode, the description of site location must be completed. Please provide the most accurate site description you can, to help locate the site - for example "field to the North of the Post Office".

Number	
Suffix	
Property Name	Court Farm
Address Line 1	Gastard Lane
Address Line 2	
Address Line 3	Wiltshire
Town/city	Gastard
Postcode	SN13 9QP

Description of site location must be completed if postcode is not known:

Easting (x)	Northing (y)
389018	168210

Description

Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

First name

Surname

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/City

County

Country

Postcode

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Contact Details

Primary number

***** REDACTED *****

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

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Agent Details

Name/Company

Title

Miss

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County

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

SN15 5PD

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Proposed Excavation / Deposit of Waste Material for the Farm

What is the total area of the proposed works?

3025.0

Scale

sq. metres

What is the approximate total volume of proposed works?

10292.0

cubic metres

Please provide a detailed description of the proposed works

The proposal is to construct an earth-banked slurry lagoon located within a field parcel central to the farmed land. The lagoon will measure approximately 55 m (length) x 55m (width) x 5 m (depth), providing a surface area of 3025m² and a total storage capacity of approximately 8,144 m³ (once you take into consideration the slope etc).

Have previous excavations or waste deposits been carried out?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Please state the size and number of the holding

Size

187.0

Scale

hectares

Number

187

Please state the depth of excavation, landfilling or height of landraising

Depth

5.0

Scale

metres

Would the excavated material be retained within the agricultural holding?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Please describe the materials that the imported waste would be composed of (e.g. top soil, sub soil, demolition waste, rubble etc)

All material would remain on site, some clay would be imported to line the lagoon, this we be certified by the EA before importing

Would the works affect any watercourse, surface or groundwater (e.g. infilling of old ponds, diversion or damming of streams, rivers, brooks or drains, creation of lakes)?

☐ Yes

☒ No

The Site

What is the total area of the entire agricultural unit? (1 hectare = 10,000 square metres)

187.0

Scale

Hectares

What is the area of the parcel of land where the development is to be located?

1 or more

Hectares

How long has the land on which the proposed development would be located been in use for agriculture for the purposes of a trade or business?

Years

100

Months

0

Is the proposed development reasonably necessary for the purposes of agriculture?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please explain why

Yes. The proposed slurry lagoon is necessary for agriculture as it provides essential, regulation-compliant storage for the farm's 490-cow dairy herd. It enables safe year-round slurry management, efficient nutrient application, reduces reliance on artificial fertiliser, and supports the farm's long-term viability and environmental compliance.

Is the proposed development designed for the purposes of agriculture?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please explain why

Yes. The proposed development is specifically designed for agricultural purposes. The slurry lagoon is sized and located to store and manage manure produced by the 490-cow dairy herd, allowing safe storage, efficient nutrient application to crops, and compliance with environmental regulations. Slurry Wizard calculations have been carried out to ensure the lagoon provides sufficient capacity for the farm's slurry production, confirming that the design meets the operational needs of the business and supports its long-term sustainability

Does the proposed development involve any alteration to a dwelling?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Is the proposed development more than 25 metres from a metalled part of a trunk or classified road?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

What is the height of the proposed development?

2.0

Metres

Is the proposed development within 3 kilometres of an aerodrome?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Would the proposed development affect an ancient monument, archaeological site or listed building or would it be within a Site of Special Scientific Interest or a local nature reserve?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Site Visit

Can the site be seen from a public road, public footpath, bridleway or other public land?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If the planning authority needs to make an appointment to carry out a site visit, whom should they contact?

- ☐ The agent
☒ The applicant
☐ Other person

Declaration

I/We hereby apply for Prior Approval: Excavation/Deposit waste for agriculture as described in the questions answered, details provided, and the accompanying plans/drawings and additional information.

I/We confirm that, to the best of my/our knowledge, any facts stated are true and accurate and any opinions given are the genuine opinions of the person(s) giving them.

I/We also accept that, in accordance with the Planning Portal's terms and conditions:

- Once submitted, this information will be made available to the Local Planning Authority and, once validated by them, be published as part of a public register and on the authority's website;
- Our system will automatically generate and send you emails in regard to the submission of this application.

☒ I / We agree to the outlined declaration

Signed

Stephanie Emmerson

Date

14/01/2026