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Our ref: WX/2026/139709/01-L01
Your ref: PL/2025/08425

Date: 09 March 2026

Dear Isobel,

THE EXCAVATION OF AN EARTH BANKED SLURRY LAGOON

WHITE LODGE FARM, BRAYDON, SWINDON, SN5 0AD.

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

Environment Agency Position

We have **no objection** to the above application providing the following condition and informatives are added to any grant of permission.

Groundwater protection

As the location falls within Source Protection Zone 2c and an Nitrate Vulnerable Zone, the following relevant guidance should be followed [guidance on storing organic manures in NVZs](#) and [storing silage, slurry and agricultural fuel oil](#), available on Gov.uk.

Due to the location of the development, the base and embankments of the lagoon must be secured with a synthetic or otherwise impermeable liner to prevent seepage. We therefore request the following condition;

Condition 1- Impermeable liner

Prior to commencement of the slurry lagoon the details of the impermeable liner shall be submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority. The liner shall be implemented as agreed.

Reason(s)

To ensure that the proposed development, does not harm groundwater resources.

Informative – Development involving silage or slurry

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

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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](#)

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 - Pollution prevention during construction

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

- a scheme to treat and remove suspended solids from surface water run-off during construction
- wheel washing facilities and appropriate disposal of effluent
- the use and routing of heavy plant, vehicles and machinery
- oils/chemicals and materials storage including refueling
- the location and pollution prevention for storage areas and compounds
- the control, storage and removal of spoil and waste.

Advice to Applicant

The proposed hedge should be positioned far enough from the lagoon banks to allow for routine ground maintenance and to prevent root intrusion that could compromise the integrity of the embankments.

We also recommend that the full perimeter of the lagoon should be adequately fenced.

Although the plans reference mixing, pig muck typically does not require agitation. If mixing is considered necessary, it should not take place during weekends to minimise potential odour impacts.

Note to LPA

Please reconsult us on any information that is submitted to discharge the above condition.

If you have any queries about our response please contact us.

Yours sincerely

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