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Dear Sir / Madam

We are a 400 acre mixed dairy and sheep farm and have been awarded a Welsh government grant for covering our cow yards and slurry storage area, as part of the government's clean air and water strategy. We are required to improve our slurry storage requirements, as a result of the upcoming NVZ restrictions for Wales. We need to have at least 5 months slurry storage capacity by September 2024; this is to ensure that slurry is only applied when nutrients can be absorbed and to avoid potential run-off. By diverting clean water away from dirty water, we will greatly reduce the storage capacity required (by 225m³).

This work needs to be completed by the 1st August 2022 to be able to claim the grant. We intend to pipe the clean roof water into a small drainage pond, as near as possible to the roof (approx. 10 metres) away. I requested, in February, free pre-application advice from the Suds Approval Body (SAB) officer. Unfortunately, I have still not been contacted by the SAB officer. Given the time constraints, I considered it prudent to submit the full planning application and hopefully be contacted by the SAB officer shortly.

The yard cover roof will be bolted directly to existing buildings / concrete each side of it. The slurry pit roof will require five 600mm by 600mm square holes to put the stanchions in, on the bottom (east side) of the existing slurry pit, as close as possible to the existing concrete block wall. This means there will be an extremely low risk of harm to any wildlife. The only other groundwork required will be the small drainage pond/soakaway.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

Pete Newbrook