

Wrexham County Borough Council
By email

Date: 14/09/2018

Dear Sharon Holman,

Bwriad / Proposal: STEEL PORTAL FRAMES AGRICULTURAL LIVESTOCK BUILDING
Lleoliad / Location: EAST VIEW FARM, COBBLERS LANE, BURTON, ROSSETT, WRECSAM

Thank you for referring the above planning application received at our office 21/08/2018.

We have significant concerns with the proposed development as submitted. We recommend that you should only grant planning permission if the scheme can meet the following requirement. We would object if the scheme does not meet this requirement.

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Agriculture

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NRW notes the re-submission the documents that were submitted with the original planning application (namely Organic manures inventory and NVZ manure storage requirement October 2018 to September 2019) to show the capacity and compliance with the regulations, however these have not answered the points raised previously. We require clarification on:

- Does all the wash water currently go into the slurry store?
- Why is the occupancy only estimated at 80% over the storage period? Where are the cattle for the remaining 20% of the time?
- Is there any other slurry storage available other than the large store currently on this site?
- Manure management plan, if slurry store does not have 4 months storage

The applicant must demonstrate that the farm has adequate slurry/manure storage to comply with the SSAFO Regulations 2010.

We note there is no proposal to either extend the current slurry store or to add any new additional slurry store on the farm within this proposal.

If the slurry to be produced is to be directed to the existing slurry storage any new channel or pipe work to convey the slurry will have to comply with the requirements of the Water Resources (Control of Pollution) (Silage, Slurry and Agricultural Fuel Oil) (Wales) ['SSAFO'] Regulations 2010. Natural Resources Wales must be notified in writing about any new structure(s) i.e. any channels/pipes at least 14 days before it is to be used.

The SSAFO Regulations 2010 require a minimum of four months slurry storage capacity for all slurry stores built or substantially altered after September 1991. The applicant should ensure that the existing store is sufficient to accommodate the increased waste produced to avoid any potential of pollution to the nearby watercourse.

Dirty water and parlour washings must not be allowed to enter surface water drains. In addition, every effort should be made to divert rainwater and clean surface runoff from roof areas and clean yards away from the slurry system, to preserve storage capacity. Surface water runoff should be controlled through a sustainable drainage approach and we would encourage the applicant to explore rainwater harvesting as an energy efficiency/resource saving measure i.e. for washing down or stock drinking.

Site operators should also ensure that there is no possibility of contaminated water entering and polluting surface or underground waters. Guidance on pollution prevention and water saving measures is available from

http://adlib.everysite.co.uk/resources/000/253/271/Best_Farming_Practices.pdf

Protected Species

We note that there is no information about protected species with the application and, therefore, are assuming that your Authority has screened the application and concluded that there is not a reasonable likelihood of protected species being present.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require further information or clarification of any of the above.

Our comments above only relate specifically to matters that are included on our checklist “Natural Resources Wales and Planning Consultations” (March 2015) which is published on our website: (<https://naturalresources.wales/media/5271/150302-natural-resources-wales-and-planning-consultations-final-eng.pdf>). We have not considered potential effects on other matters and do not rule out the potential for the proposed development to affect other interests, including environmental interests of local importance.

Advice for the Developer:

Pollution Prevention

Any waste excavation material or building waste generated in the course of the development must be disposed of satisfactorily and in accordance with Section 33 and 34 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. Carriers transporting waste from the site must be registered waste carriers and movement of any Hazardous Waste from the site must be accompanied by Hazardous waste consignment notes.

Suitable pollution prevention measures will need to be in place during construction to minimise any risk of pollution, in particular giving the close proximity of watercourses.

In particular, we refer you to the Pollution Prevention Guidelines

PPG1: Understanding Your Environmental Responsibilities – Good Environmental Practices

GPP5: Works in, near or over watercourses

PPG6: Working at construction and demolition sites

The Guidance are available at the following link:

<http://www.netregs.org.uk/environmental-topics/pollution-prevention-guidelines-ppgs-and-replacement-series/guidance-for-pollution-prevention-gpps-full-list/>

The applicant should be advised that, in addition to planning permission, it is their responsibility to ensure that they secure all other permits/consents relevant to their development.

Yn gywir / Yours sincerely,

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