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Dear Sir/Madam,

PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF SLURRY STORE

LOCATION: KNOLTON FARM, OSWESTRY ROAD, OVERTON, WREXHAM

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru / Natural Resources Wales about the above, which we received on 04/09/2020.

We continue to have significant concerns with the proposed development as submitted. We recommend you should only grant planning permission if the following requirement is met. Otherwise, we would object to this planning application.

Requirement 1: Further information to demonstrate the proposals will not result in any pollution to any watercourses

Environmental Management

Insufficient information has been provided regarding the proposed slurry store. It is unclear if the proposal will result in pollution to surface or ground waters, because it not clear from the documents submitted if the design will result in any pollution to any watercourses

To adequately assess the application, a detailed plan should be submitted that shows how the development will ensure that there is no possibility of contaminated water entering and polluting surface or groundwater. The plans should specifically address slurry store capacity. The applicant needs to provide their own detailed calculations on the slurry being produced on the farm and compare this to the total slurry storage which will be present if the proposed storage is approved. Current regulations require the facility to be able to store four months' worth of slurry. We would like to bring to the attention of the developer that the minimum capacity is due to increase to 5 months in the near future, and that they should be aware of the proposed changes to the regulations.

Please refer to the link below for further information:

<https://naturalresources.wales/guidance-and-advice/business-sectors/farming/good-farming-practice/?lang=en>

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.

Other Matters

Our comments above only relate specifically to matters included on our checklist, *Development Planning Advisory Service: Consultation Topics* (September 2018), which is published on our [website](#). We have not considered potential effects on other matters and do not rule out the potential for the proposed development to affect other interests.

We advise the applicant that, in addition to planning permission, it is their responsibility to ensure they secure all other permits/consents/licences relevant to their development. Please refer to our [website](#) for further details.

Advice for the Developer

Agriculture

The facilities must comply with the Water Resources (Control of Pollution) (Silage and Slurry) (Wales) Regulations 2010. Site operators should ensure that there is no possibility of contaminated water entering and polluting surface or groundwater.

Please refer to the link below for further information:

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Pollution Prevention

During the construction phase you should take any precaution to prevent contamination of surface water drains and local watercourses. Oils and chemicals should be stored in bunded areas and spill kits should be readily available in case of accidental spillages.

For further guidance please refer to GPP 5 and PPG 6 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/>

If you have any queries on the above, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yn gywir / Yours faithfully

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