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Dear Sir

P/2017/0053 - Proposed erection of barn egg production unit at Talwrn Farm, Legacy

I refer to your email dated 17th March 2017, together with the attached reponse from Natural Resources Wales dated 23rd February 2017.

The Natural Resources Wales response requests a management plan which includes details of storage and spreading arrangements etc onsite. As stated within the Design and Access Statement, there is no storage or spreading of manure on the site.

Talwrn Farm is a small holding, and extends to 23 acres of land which is all laid out in small grass paddocks.

This development is a fertile egg production unit, and operates to the highest of biosecurity standards. The applicant is prevented from storing or spreading any manure on the site by the biosecurity restrictions placed on the site by the contract with the hatchery.

The manure management plan for this site is extremely simple, and is outlined below.

At the end of the flock cycle, the manure is removed from the building using a mechanical loader and loaded directly into sealed bulker lorry trailers. When the trailers are full, they are sheeted and the manure is removed from the site.

The contract for the removal of the manure is with Applejacks Farms of Warrington, Cheshire whom take all of the manure from the site using their own transport. The farm where the manure from Talwrn Farm is taken by Applejacks Farms is:

Oak House Farm
Ellerdine Heath
Telford
Shropshire
TF6 6RW

The application site at Talwrn Farm has been constructed with hardstandings and access roads which are capable of providing access to the farm by lorries at any time of the year. There is no eventuality that could arise that would prevent the manure from being taken away.

There are no contingency plans which would include the storage and spreading of the manure on the site at Talwrn Farm as this would breach the contract arrangements with the hatchery and lead to the loss of the egg production contract.

The export of manure from a farming business is a normal and legal practice. In order to conform with the legal requirements, the applicant must record the holding number of the recipient holding, together with the date and volume of manure exported.

Once the manure is exported from the site, compliance with CoGAP becomes the responsibility of the recipient farmer. This issue is policed by DEFRA / WAG through cross compliance.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ian Pick', with a stylized, flowing script.

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