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Our ref: NO/2024/116413/01-L01
Your ref: 4/24/2152/0F1
Date: 19 November 2024

Dear Mr Hayhurst

RETROSPECTIVE ERECTION OF A BUILDING TO HOUSE CATTLE

HILL FARM, HOLMROOK

Thank you for consulting us on the above application, received 5 November 2024.

Environment Agency position

We have no objections however we would like to make the following informative comments:-

Advice to applicant

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.

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)

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). 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 consider both the proposed development and existing on-farm slurry and manure storage to ensure compliance with the regulations (SSAFO, FRfW, EPR, NVZ).

Further guidance:

[Storing silage, slurry and agricultural fuel oil](#)

[Protecting our water, soil and air](#)

Site selection, design and construction:

https://www.ciria.org/CIRIA/CIRIA/Item_Detail.aspx?iProductCode=C759F&Category=F REEPUBS

Yours sincerely

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