

Cumberland Council
Development Control
The Copeland Centre Catherine Street
Whitehaven
Cumbria
CA28 7SJ

Our ref: NO/2026/117267/01-L01
Your ref: 4/26/2008/0F1
Date: 16 January 2026

Dear Sir/Madam

PROPOSED DETACHED SELF BUILD DWELLING (BUNGALOW)

LAND AT BECKSIDE FARM, DISTINGTON

Thank you for consulting us on the above planning application.

Environment Agency position

We have no objection to the proposed development but we wish to make the following comments:-

Environmental permit - advice to applicant

Distington Beck is a designated statutory main river. The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 require a permit or exemption to be obtained for any activities which will take place:

- on or within 8 metres of a main river (16 metres if tidal)
- on or within 8 metres of a flood defence structure or culverted main river (16 metres if tidal)
- on or within 16 metres of a sea defence
- involving quarrying or excavation within 16 metres of any main river, flood defence (including a remote defence) or culvert
- in the floodplain of a main river if the activity could affect flood flow or storage and potential impacts are not controlled by a planning permission

For further guidance please visit <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/flood-risk-activities-environmental-permits> or contact our National Customer Contact Centre on 03708 506 506 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm) or by emailing enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk.

The applicant should not assume that a permit will automatically be forthcoming once

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planning permission has been granted, and we advise them to consult with us at the earliest opportunity.

Yours faithfully

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