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Dear Sarah

Lagoon at Threapthwaite Farm Planning Ref: 4/21/2465

Thank you for forwarding the comments of the Environmental Health Officer. I note that they are not objecting and have made a neutral comment noting that an odour management plan would be recommended.

Just to recap:

The Lagoon was granted permission with the requirement for a cover. It is still the applicant's intention to provide this cover but it has not been possible in the time due to a) finding an appropriate supplier; and b) cost - although a grant application will be made for this.

The lagoon will store the slurry from the farm which is immediately adjacent only. The storing in a larger lagoon will reduce the number of times slurry will have to be spread which will reduce the impact overall of odour within the local community.

Using the lagoon would reduce the application of slurry from 12 times a year to 4 to 5 times removing the need to spread slurry through the autumn and winter.

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In this way, there are also significantly more nutrients retained in the slurry which improves its quality, reduces carbon footprint, reduces the amount of fertiliser which needs brought into the farm and improves the environment.

The use of the lagoon will enable the storing of slurry until conditions are right for spreading. These include times of crop need, avoidance of wet weather and sensitive times to neighbours to significantly improve the environment.

It is anticipated that the cover will be on within 12 months.

An odour management plan as suggested by the Environmental Health team is appended.

Yours sincerely

Rachel

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