

Mid Sussex District Council -
Development Control
Oaklands Road, Haywards Heath, RH16
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Excavations and engineering operations associated with the construction of new manure store and slurry lagoon

BOLNEY PARK FARM BROXMEAD LANE HAYWARDS HEATH MID SUSSEX DISTRICT RH17 5RJ.

Dear Planning Officer,

Thank you for contacting us.

This is our response to your consultation DM/26/1442.

Environment Agency position

We have **no objection** to the proposed development as submitted, but please note our comments below.

Advice to applicant and Local Planning Authority

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. 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). The applicant is advised to review the existing on-farm slurry and manure storage and ensure compliance with the SSAFO Regulations.

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 review the existing on-farm slurry and manure storage and ensure compliance with the SSAFO Regulations. These regulations require you

to inform the Environment Agency, verbally (Tel: 03708 506 506) or in writing, of a new, reconstructed or enlarged slurry store, silage clamp or fuel stores at least 14 days before starting any construction work. The notification must include the type of structure, the proposed design and construction, and once an agreed proposal has been constructed we will ask you to send us a completed WQE3 notification form before you start using the facility.

Further guidance is available:

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

[Protecting our Water, Soil and Air: A Code of Good Agricultural Practice for farmers, growers and land managers](#)

If you have any questions regarding our response, please contact planningssd@environment-agency.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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