

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council
Development Services
Hinckley Hub Rugby Road
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Our ref: LT/2024/128725/02-L01
Your ref: 24/00451/FUL
Date: 10 September 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

**PROPOSED HARDSTANDING, TREE PLANTING, STORAGE TANK AND
ASSOCIATED WORKS
MANOR HILL FARM LEICESTER LANE DESFORD LEICESTER LEICESTERSHIRE
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Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency on the above application.

Environment Agency Position:

Based on email and verbal discussions with the Applicant's Consultant, we have no objections to the updated plan; however, we should reiterate that the Applicant follows points 1 to 7 in our consultation reference: LT/2024/128725/01-L01, dated 15/08/24 and that they shall liaise with us at the following address: graham.r.dixey@environment-agency.gov.uk

Here are the points 1 to 7 copied into this response for ease of reference.

1. Provide a written plan indicating what measures and materials will be used to ensure the structure and operation comply fully with the Water Resources (Control of Pollution) (Silage, Slurry and Agricultural Fuel Oil) (England) Regulations 2010, as amended (otherwise referred to as 'SSAFO'). Link to legislation: [The Water Resources \(Control of Pollution\) \(Silage, Slurry and Agricultural Fuel Oil\) \(England\) Regulations 2010 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2010/1251/contents/make)
2. Schedule 1 of the aforementioned SSAFO Regulations set out the requirements, including British Standards, for the safe and legal storage of silage and its effluent.
3. Additional Environment Agency guidance can be found here: [Factsheet 3 silage making and storing in silos Feb 2023.pdf \(projectblue.blob.core.windows.net\)](https://projectblue.blob.core.windows.net/Factsheet%203%20silage%20making%20and%20storing%20in%20silos%20Feb%202023.pdf)
4. Detailed planning, materials and construction guidance and standards can be found in these independent Construction Industry Research and Information Association (CIRIA) documents: "CIRIA Livestock Manure and Silage Storage Infrastructure for Agriculture Part 1", Section 4; and "CIRIA Livestock Manure and Silage Storage Infrastructure for Agriculture Part 2", Section 6. [Item Detail \(ciria.org\)](https://www.ciria.org/)
5. The base must have drainage collection channels around the outside which are constructed of materials which meet the standards set out in the SSAFO Regulations – we do not consider clay channels suitable. The site is on Sandstone classed as Secondary Aquifer and close to a tributary of the Rothley Brook.

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6. With regards to the proposed above ground effluent tank, the base must be constructed to withstand the maximum volume of material that can be stored in the tank, including any future expansion of the tank (e.g., additional rings that may be added), and take into account depth to water table. A methodology for the safe and secure transfer of effluent to/from the tank must also be detailed.
7. We require updated plans and drawings for approval by this Agency, and a post-construction inspection prior to use.

Yours faithfully

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