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Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Excavations or Deposits of Waste Material reasonably necessary for the purposes of Agriculture

The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) - Schedule 2, Part 6

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Please note that the information provided on this application form and in supporting documents may be published on the Authority's website. If you require any further clarification, please contact the Authority's planning department.

Site Location

Disclaimer: We can only make recommendations based on the answers given in the questions.

If you cannot provide a postcode, the description of site location must be completed. Please provide the most accurate site description you can, to help locate the site - for example "field to the North of the Post Office".

Number	
Suffix	
Property Name	
Street Record	
Address Line 1	
Address Line 2	
Address Line 3	
Town/city	
Postcode	

Description of site location must be completed if postcode is not known:

Easting (x)	Northing (y)

Description

Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

Mr

First name

Will

Surname

Oliver

Company Name

A H Oliver & Son

Address

Address line 1

Osbaston House Farm

Address line 2

Lount Rd

Address line 3

Osbaston

Town/City

Nuneaton

County

Warwickshire

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

CV13 0HR

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Applicant Contact Details

Primary number

***** REDACTED *****

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

***** REDACTED *****

Proposed Excavation / Deposit of Waste Material for the Farm

What is the total area of the proposed works?

0.4

Scale

hectares

What is the approximate total volume of proposed works?

8000.0cubic metres

Please provide a detailed description of the proposed works

Construction of an earth-banked agricultural lagoon for the storage of organic digestate for subsequent use as fertiliser on agricultural land. The lagoon will have an approximate storage capacity of 7,000 m³ and will be formed by excavation and construction of earth banks, with an impermeable lining system. The proposed works will occupy approximately 0.4 hectares. The lagoon will be approximately 58 m × 58 m overall, with a maximum depth of approximately 4 m, including appropriate freeboard. Excavated material will, where suitable, be reused on site in the construction and profiling of the lagoon banks. The lagoon is required to provide suitable storage of digestate prior to its application to crops in accordance with nutrient requirements and appropriate spreading conditions.

Have previous excavations or waste deposits been carried out?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Please state the size and number of the holding

Size

400.0

Scale

hectares

Number

222210010

Please state the depth of excavation, landfilling or height of landraising

Depth

4.0

Scale

metres

Would the excavated material be retained within the agricultural holding?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Please describe the materials that the imported waste would be composed of (e.g. top soil, sub soil, demolition waste, rubble etc)

The imported material will comprise liquid digestate produced by a local anaerobic digestion (AD) plant. The digestate is an organic nutrient-rich material resulting from the anaerobic digestion of biodegradable feedstocks, which may include agricultural crops and other suitable organic feedstocks, including food-derived materials where applicable.

The digestate will be imported to the agricultural holding and stored within the proposed purpose-built lined lagoon prior to its beneficial application to agricultural land as an organic fertiliser and soil nutrient source. Application will be undertaken according to crop nutrient requirements and prevailing soil and weather conditions, allowing nutrients contained within the digestate, particularly nitrogen, phosphate and potash, to substitute for manufactured fertiliser.

The material will be liquid/pumpable digestate suitable for agricultural land application. The lagoon is proposed to provide sufficient storage capacity so that digestate can be retained when land or weather conditions are unsuitable for spreading and subsequently applied at agronomically appropriate times.

Would the works affect any watercourse, surface or groundwater (e.g. infilling of old ponds, diversion or damming of streams, rivers, brooks or drains, creation of lakes)?

☐ Yes

☒ No

The Site

What is the total area of the entire agricultural unit? (1 hectare = 10,000 square metres)

400.0

Scale

Hectares

What is the area of the parcel of land where the development is to be located?

1 or more

Hectares

How long has the land on which the proposed development would be located been in use for agriculture for the purposes of a trade or business?

Years

50

Months

8

Is the proposed development reasonably necessary for the purposes of agriculture?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please explain why

Yes. The proposed lagoon is reasonably necessary for the purposes of agriculture. It will provide storage for liquid digestate imported to the agricultural holding for beneficial use as an organic fertiliser on crops grown by the farming business.

The additional storage capacity will allow digestate to be stored when soil, crop or weather conditions are unsuitable for application and used at agronomically appropriate times when crops can make best use of the available nutrients. This will improve nutrient-use efficiency, reduce nutrient losses and reduce reliance on manufactured fertilisers.

The farming business actively monitors soil health, including measurements of soil organic matter and soil carbon. Building and maintaining soil organic matter is an important part of the farm's long-term soil management strategy. The appropriate use of organic materials such as digestate complements this approach by recycling nutrients and organic material back into agricultural production.

Improving soil condition and organic matter can contribute to better soil structure, water infiltration and water-holding capacity, helping crops to make more effective use of both rainfall and applied nutrients. Providing sufficient storage is important because it allows applications to be timed according to crop requirement and suitable soil conditions rather than simply according to when digestate becomes available.

The proposed lagoon therefore forms part of the holding's wider approach to sustainable crop production, nutrient-use efficiency and soil management, with the digestate being stored specifically for subsequent beneficial agricultural use on the holding.

Is the proposed development designed for the purposes of agriculture?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please explain why

Yes. The proposed development is specifically designed for the purposes of agriculture. The lagoon will be purpose-built for the safe storage of liquid digestate prior to its application to agricultural crops as an organic fertiliser.

The lagoon will be designed with sufficient storage capacity to allow the farming business to retain digestate until crop, soil and weather conditions are suitable for application. This enables the material to be applied according to crop nutrient requirements rather than simply when it becomes available.

The development forms part of the farm's nutrient and soil management system. Digestate provides valuable crop nutrients and organic material, helping to reduce reliance on manufactured fertiliser and recycle nutrients back into agricultural production. The farm also monitors soil organic matter and soil carbon as part of its approach to improving soil health.

The use of organic materials alongside appropriate nutrient management supports improvements in soil condition, structure, water infiltration and water-holding capacity. The proposed lagoon has therefore been designed specifically to facilitate the storage and appropriate agricultural use of organic nutrients for crop production on the holding.

Does the proposed development involve any alteration to a dwelling?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Is the proposed development more than 25 metres from a metalled part of a trunk or classified road?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

What is the height of the proposed development?

1.0

Metres

Is the proposed development within 3 kilometres of an aerodrome?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Would the proposed development affect an ancient monument, archaeological site or listed building or would it be within a Site of Special Scientific Interest or a local nature reserve?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Site Visit

Can the site be seen from a public road, public footpath, bridleway or other public land?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If the planning authority needs to make an appointment to carry out a site visit, whom should they contact?

☐ The agent

☒ The applicant

☐ Other person

Declaration

I/We hereby apply for Prior Approval: Excavation/Deposit waste for agriculture as described in the questions answered, details provided, and the accompanying plans/drawings and additional information.

I/We confirm that, to the best of my/our knowledge, any facts stated are true and accurate and any opinions given are the genuine opinions of the person(s) giving them.

I/We also accept that, in accordance with the Planning Portal's terms and conditions:

- Once submitted, this information will be made available to the Local Planning Authority and, once validated by them, be published as part of a public register and on the authority's website;
- Our system will automatically generate and send you emails in regard to the submission of this application.

☒ I / We agree to the outlined declaration

Signed

- Oliver

Date

07/10/2026