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Ecology comments in relation to:

Planning Application SMD/2017/0538 The Spond Farm Gallows Green, Agricultural Slurry Lagoon. Alton.

The application will result in the loss of green field site of at least 2070m^3
An ecological survey of the land proposed for the slurry store should be provided before the appliction can be considered.

In particular no details are provided of the species composition of the grassland where the proposed slurry store is to be sited.
Surveys should be conducted according to recommendations for survey advocated by the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM). Survey information can be provided in a short report or letter.

The slurry lagoon embankment may provide an opportunity to create species rich grassland. Developments should aim to provide a net gain for biodiversity according to their size and scale as as advised by National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) . Species rich grassland is a UK and Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan priority habitat. Details of species rich grassland seed mixes for the slurry embankments that will benefit wildlife, in particular pollinating insects should be considered. An Ecological Design Strategy (EDS) providing details of establishment, seed mixes, aftercare and long-term maintenance should be submitted as a condition of granting planning permission.

Regards

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