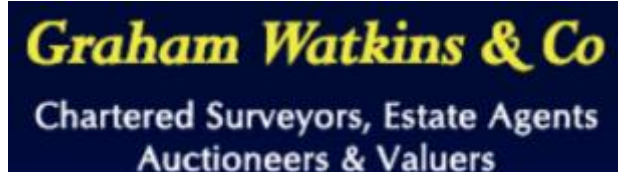


# **Supporting Documentation for a Slurry Store**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

This document is in full support for a purpose-built slurry store at Easing Farm, Thorncliffe Leek. The applicants have a well-established mixed dairy and sheep farm. This application is for an amendment to an application for a purpose-built slurry tower granted in 2023 under application number SMD/2023/0216. The slurry tower has not yet been constructed. The amendment to the initial slurry tower application in 2023 includes the siting of a domed lid for the slurry tower which will prevent harmful gases from escaping into the atmosphere. The proposals would result in a change in height to 10.88m and an overall diameter change from 28.20m to 29.40m. The location and siting of the proposed slurry tower will be the same.

## **FARMING ENTERPRISE**

### **Livestock**

The applicants have 140 dairy cows and 90 young stock replacements.

The applicants also have a flock of 100 ewes lambing at 180%.

### **Land**

The applicants farm 350 acres or thereabouts of grassland. The applicants undertake all forms of management in hand.

## **DESIGN AND APPEARANCE**

The proposed slurry tower will be constructed of curved steel sheeting finished in factory green, with a green domed lid. The design is in keeping with the natural surroundings and has been designed to be in keeping with the existing buildings at Easing Farm. The slurry tower has been specifically located in order to minimise the visual impact of the slurry tower whilst still being in a functional location for the applicants. The slurry tower will be 29.4 meters in diameter and in a cylindrical shape with a total height of 10.88 meters.

## **PURPOSE**

The slurry tower will be used to contain the slurry from an adjacent cattle housing building. DEFRA require farms to have adequate slurry storage to mitigate the risk of pollution. The current slurry tower is at the end of its lifespan. The proposed amendment to the existing application is to increase the diameter of the tower and to have domed lid on the slurry tower, this will prevent harmful gases escaping from the slurry tower which is in line with the Environment Agency and DEFRA guidance.

## **SUMMARY**

The proposed amendment to the existing application SMD/2023/0216 is minimalistic. The existing application has a planting scheme which will visually screen the slurry tower from the view of the surrounding properties and the road. The slurry tower is vital for the future sustainability of the farm business with the principal application being approved in 2023 for a slurry tower and this application seeking minimal changes to the size and design of the slurry tower. Therefore, this application is in full support of the amendments to the slurry tower design.