

DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT

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Proposal: Slurry Storage Tower

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This document is in full support for a purpose-built slurry store at Sprinks Farm which is the heart of the farming operations. The slurry tower is required to meet The Water Resources Control of Pollution (Silage, Slurry and Agricultural Fuel Oil) Regulations to provide a minimum of 5.5 months storage. The farm business is in need of the proposed slurry tower in order to comply with regulations which is further re-enforced by the catchment sensitive farming report which has been undertaken identifying the need for further slurry storage provision and highlights the tower as been the most suitable option.

2.0 FARM BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

LIVESTOCK

Dairy Cows – 120

The applicants have a herd of 120 dairy cows in milk

Dairy Young Stock – 80

There is 80 head of heifers and youngstock followers to be introduced to the growing herd.

Beef Calves/Youngstock – 100

There are 130 calves produced each year which a proportion are kept as followers and the rest grown to 8-12 months and sold as store cattle.

Sheep – 50

The applicants have a modest herd of sheep comprising of 50 breeding sheep lambing at 200%.

LAND

The applicant farms over 240 acres or thereabouts of grassland.

3.0 DESIGN – SITE ASSESSMENT

The siting of the slurry tower is suggested by the catchment sensitive farming officer in their report. The siting provides the slurry tower to be a suitable distance from the farmhouse and neighbouring property to minimise visual impact and odour whilst providing a functional slurry tower. The proposed location will allow the natural tree line to provide visual screen from neighbouring properties.

4.0 DESIGN – SIZE

The proposed slurry tower will be 19.5m in diameter and will have an overall height of 7.5m which includes the cover.

5.0 DESIGN – APPEARANCE

The proposed slurry store will have corrugated metal sheeted sides which will be finished in green to 4.86m. the slurry store will have a sheeted dome which will prevent odour from escaping and allowing the slurry inside to produce a much-needed fertiliser.

6.0 ACCESS

It is not considered that any additional access will be required to the road as the existing access is suitable. It is therefore not considered that any further consultation with the highway authority is necessary.

7.0 REGULATION

Under the The Water Resources Control of Pollution (Silage, Slurry and Agricultural Fuel Oil) Regulations a minimum of four months of slurry storage is required, however in January 2026 the regulations require a minimum of 22 week or 5.5 months slurry storage. The proposed slurry store will allow the applicants to achieve this onsite as recommended in the CSF report.

8.0 SUMMARY

- The farm business requires the further slurry storage to be compliant with SSAFO Regulations.
- The slurry is visually screened from neighbouring properties by the natural tree line.
- The slurry store is required by the farm business due to little current storage facilities.