

Ein cyf/Our ref: CAS-302729-W3D7
Eich cyf/Your ref: 26/0177

Newport City Council
Civic Centre
Newport
NP20 4UR

Dyddiad/Date: 09 April 2026

Annwyl Syr/Madam/Dear Sir/Madam,

BWRIAD/PROPOSAL: Construction of earthed banked slurry lagoon (50.0m x 30.0m, 4.5m total depth) to provide 3,500m³ storage for cattle slurry.

LLEOLIAD/LOCATION: Henton Farm, Henton Farm Road, Goldcliff, Newport, NP18 2AT.

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC)/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 09 March 2026.

We have concerns with the application as submitted because inadequate information has been provided in support of the proposal. To overcome these concerns, you should seek further information from the applicant regarding protected sites and pollution prevention. If this information is not provided, we would object to this planning application. Further details are provided below.

Protected Sites and Pollution Prevention

The site is located within the Gwent Levels – Nash and Goldcliff Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and within close proximity to minor watercourses which make up the network of drainage ditches across the SSSI.

The SSSI is notified for its range of aquatic plants and invertebrates associated with the interconnected reens and ditches of the drainage system. In summary, the special interests of the SSSI are dependent on the water quality, water quantity, the existence of the interconnected drainage system and its continued management. Any development which has an adverse impact on any of these factors will have an adverse impact on the wildlife for which the area was notified.

The lagoon is proposed to be filled via a transfer pipe which crosses a field ditch/reen. We require clarification as to how this will be installed and whether there is any mitigation proposed to reduce the risk of pollution, should the pipe fail.

The slurry store must be located, designed and built to meet the construction and capacity requirements of the Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) Regulations 2021 (CoAPR).

Further details on the store should be sought from the Applicant including:

- Calculations for the volume of slurry as defined under CoAPR (including contaminated water) which is to be stored, including:
 - Parlour washings volume
 - Dimensions of clamps draining to slurry
 - Dimensions of dirty yards and clean yards draining to slurry
 - Dimensions and details of existing storage, including details of the reception tank from which the slurry to the new store will be pumped.
- Details of livestock kept on holding including type, and age before and after development; volume of any other contaminated liquids and rainfall entering the proposed store.

For further information, please see - [Natural Resources Wales / What to provide with your planning application for an agricultural development](#)

Buffer Zones

To protect the SSSI, buffer zones of a minimum of 7 meters from works to the top of ditch banks and 12.5 meters to the top of ree banks should be implemented.

Ditches are present to the east and west of the proposed slurry lagoon and the site plan by ADAS (dated 24/02/2026) and planning statement by ADAS (dated 26/02/2026) submitted state that a 10m buffer will be maintained between the lagoon and these ditches. Provided this buffers are implemented and maintained, we raise no concerns in this regard.

Internal Drainage District

Please note, no run-off is permitted to enter the IDD without Land Drainage Consent under the terms of the Land Drainage Act 1991 and the Flood and Water Management Act 2010. Further guidance is available on the NRW [website](#).

Flood Risk

The Flood Map for Planning identifies the application site to be at risk of flooding and within Flood Zone 3 (Sea) and Zone 2 and 3 (Rivers). It is also within the Technical Advice Note 15 Defended Zone.

Given the nature of the proposed development (and in the absence of a flood consequences assessment) we consider the proposals could be acceptable, subject to the developer being made aware of the potential flood risks and consequences. We would also expect the developer to take the opportunity to incorporate flood resilient design where feasible.

Further to the above, we note the site already has provision on site for slurry lagoons, which are proposed to be decommissioned and replaced with this new facility.

Guidance on resilient design can be found in Chapter 13 of Technical Advice Note 15: Development, flooding and coastal erosion, dated 2025, which references advice from Construction Industry Research and Information Association, including a Code of Practice and Guidance for Property Flood Resilience.

We provide advice on our website [Natural Resources Wales / Preparing for a flood](#) which may be useful for the developer or occupant of the proposal.

Other Matters

The advice in this letter relates to matters which are included on our [consultation topics list](#). We do not rule out the potential for the proposed development to affect other environmental interests that are not included on this list.

We advise the applicant that, in addition to planning permission, it is their responsibility to ensure they secure all other permits/consents/licences relevant to their development. Please refer to our [website](#) for further details.

If you have any queries on the above, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yn gywir / Yours faithfully,

Eleanor Sullivan

Cynghorydd - Cynllunio Datblygu/Advisor - Development Planning
Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru/Natural Resources Wales

E-bost/E-mail: southeastplanning@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg a byddwn yn ymateb yn Gymraeg, heb i hynny arwain at oedi./Correspondence in Welsh is welcomed, and we will respond in Welsh without it leading to a delay.