

REFERENCE: 26/0177

PROPOSAL: CONSTRUCTION OF AN EARTH BANKED SLURRY LAGOON (50.0M X 30.0M, 4.5M TOTAL DEPTH)

SITE: Henton Farm Henton Farm Road Goldcliff Newport NP18 2AT

APPLICATION TYPE: Full

CASE OFFICER: Ben Webster

RECOMMENDATION: NO OBJECTION SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

Comments:

The site is within the Gwent Levels Special Landscape Area Policy SP8, located near to the existing farmyard. The proposal states the embankments will be graded into the open field and seeded with grass.

The proposal also states the site will be well screened by existing mature native hedgerows – however google earth images show hedges are highly maintained and low providing an open view across onto the site.



The proposal is to establish a new access onto Henton Road, there will be minor hedge losses at the point of access.

Policies:

The site is protected by a number of policies:

- Caldicot Levels Special Landscape Area Policy SP8
- SSSI boundary – also note that the slurry transfer pipe crosses the reen, please refer to the ecologist consultee.
- Archaeologically Sensitive Area policy

New planting is required to meet the requirements of GP5 General Development Principles – Natural Environment : vi the proposal includes **an appropriate landscape scheme** which enhances the site and the wider context including green infrastructure and biodiversity networks.

Recommendations:

- All works should be sufficiently offset to retain the highway and reen hedges on the south-east and north-east boundaries.
- If a SAB application is required, a joined up landscape-drainage plan would help to demonstrate sufficient space at suitable locations can be allocated for above ground SUDs to meet the Sustainable Drainage Regulations 2018 Standards 4 [Amenity] and 5 [Biodiversity].
- A landscape scheme is required and could include management of the existing hedges to aid screening. A scheme could be conditioned but should provide the following:
 - Soft Landscape/Planting Plan showing planting type, species, size, density using locally native species
 - Soft landscape maintenance and management plan for five years to cover new planting until established.