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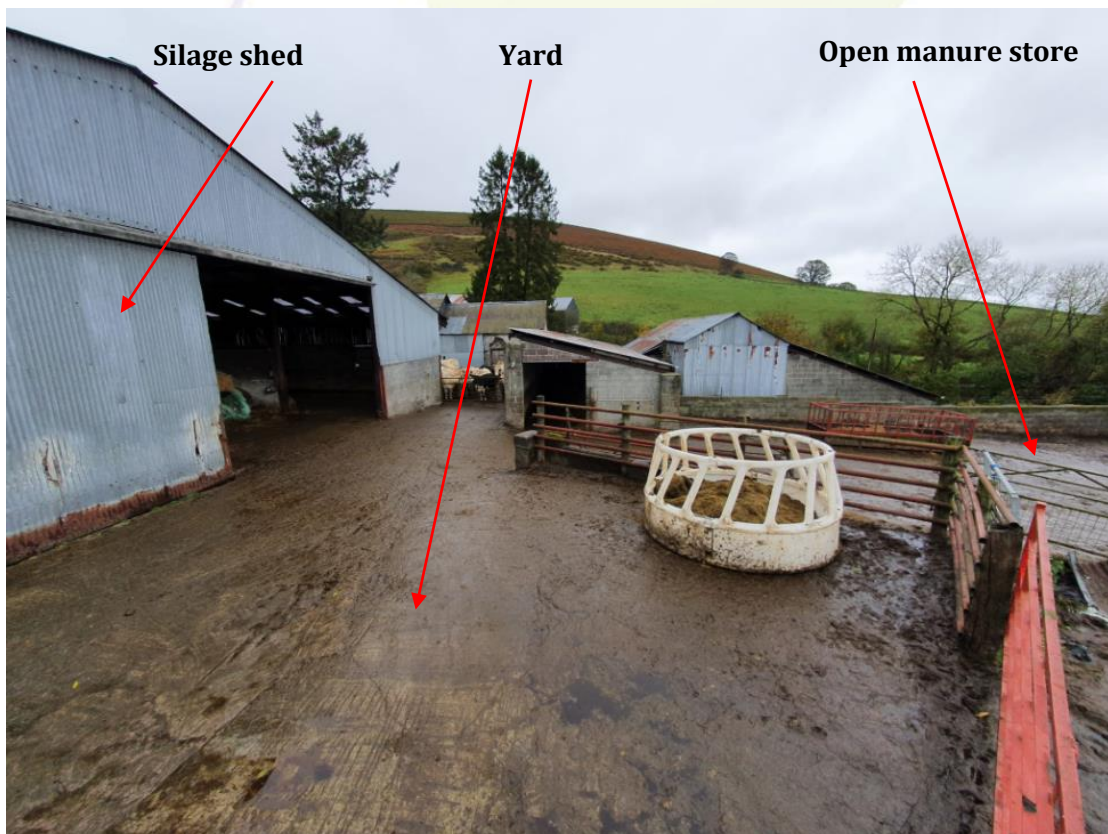
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Dear Planning Services

Planning application for the erection of a pitched-roof structure to cover an existing open manure storage yard, together with an extension to an existing silage shed over part of an existing yard at Blaenglynolwyn, Newbridge-on-Wye, Llandrindod Wells, Powys, LD1 6ND

This letter supports a newly submitted planning application, details of which are set out above.

The existing farm holding has been in use and operation in excess of 100 years, and has passed through various generations of the applicants' family. The applicants are the current business owners of the holding. The farmyard contains a mix of agricultural buildings, some traditional, some more modern, including an existing, contained, open manure store and an existing silage shed. The application concerns both the open manure store and the silage shed, as shown in the photos below.





Open manure store



Silage shed

The application has come about as a result of the need to improve existing manure storage and management facilities at the site and to reduce polluted water run-off. This is in order to comply with new legislation governing agricultural practices in Wales - the *Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) Regulations 2021*. In addition, Welsh Government's '*Code of Good Agricultural Practice For the Protection of Water, Soil and Air for Wales*' (2011) states that providing a roof or cover to keep rainfall off the manure will reduce dirty water run-off, amongst other benefits.

The proposals will help achieve these aims and will additionally help meet the new legislative requirements mentioned. There is also grant assistance available given the value of making such improvements to existing practices and facilities, which the applicants could potentially benefit from.

In addition, the proposals will also allow for the collection and harvesting of clean rainwater from the new roof(s), which is an added benefit in terms of providing drinking water for livestock. Any overspill can soakaway to ground, which as clear, clean rainwater is considered to be acceptable.

Having regard for the above, it is considered that there would be no detrimental impacts in terms of contaminated water entering any protected sites, including the River Wye SAC in relation to phosphates. On the contrary, it is considered that the proposals will result in betterment in relation to pollution control.

Furthermore, the proposals will also allow for an element of biodiversity enhancement with the inclusion of two bird boxes.

I hope that the application provides sufficient detail to enable it to be properly processed and considered, and supported. If further information is required, however, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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For and on behalf of the applicants, G & B Williams & Son