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Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Excavations or Deposits of Waste Material reasonably necessary for the purposes of Agriculture

The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) - Schedule 2, Part 6

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Please note that the information provided on this application form and in supporting documents may be published on the Authority's website. If you require any further clarification, please contact the Authority's planning department.

Site Location

Disclaimer: We can only make recommendations based on the answers given in the questions.

If you cannot provide a postcode, the description of site location must be completed. Please provide the most accurate site description you can, to help locate the site - for example "field to the North of the Post Office".

Number

Suffix

Property Name

School Farm

Address Line 1

Gestingthorpe Road

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Essex

Town/city

Little Maplestead

Postcode

CO9 2SN

Description of site location must be completed if postcode is not known:

Easting (x)

582358

Northing (y)

234808

Description

Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

First name

Surname

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/City

County

Country

Postcode

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

Yes

No

Contact Details

Primary number

***** REDACTED *****

Secondary number

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Agent Details

Name/Company

Title

Miss

First name

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Proposed Excavation / Deposit of Waste Material for the Farm

What is the total area of the proposed works?

995.0

Scale

sq. metres

What is the approximate total volume of proposed works?

676.0

cubic metres

Please provide a detailed description of the proposed works

Five (5) livestock drinking ponds will be excavated on the agricultural land at School Farm. The construction of these drinking ponds is essential to the agricultural activities on the farm: the ponds will facilitate livestock grazing in three (3) fields. The ponds will provide an alternative drinking water source to the ditches, which will help protect water quality in the downstream watercourses by reducing the amount of phosphate and other nutrients entering the ditches directly through effluent. Additionally, sediment entering the watercourses through bankside poaching due to potential livestock entry will be reduced. No infrastructure or other means currently exists to deliver drinking water to these locations (for example, pipes or water troughs) and so the ponds are necessary to facilitate grazing in these fields, and will provide a more sustainable and environmentally-friendly solution to hard infrastructure. The drinking ponds will have a maximum central depth of between 1 - 2 metres, with very gently-sloping bank gradients to allow livestock safe access to the water. All of the ponds will have irregular outline shapes to maximise the bank habitat available for wildlife and to create more natural-looking ponds in the landscape. All of the drinking ponds will be dug into existing clay soils in areas with naturally high groundwater levels so no materials will be brought onto site for construction and no artificial liners will be used. All of the spoil resulting from the drinking pond excavations will remain on site, and will be landscaped around each pond and left to naturally regenerate, creating further wildlife habitat (suitable for ground beetles, spiders, etc.). The site will be accessed via existing farm tracks and no new access (vehicle or pedestrian) will be created as part of this development. No Public Rights of Way will be affected by the proposed works; the nearest PRow is located approximately 100m north-east of Pond 5 (see location of pond 5 below), slightly uphill from Pond 5. No spoil resulting from the pond work will be spread on or across this PRow. No areas of priority habitat will be disturbed or affected by this proposal and no trees or hedges will be affected by the work. No nationally or internationally designated sites will be disturbed or affected by the works, nor will any designated or undesignated historic features. All of the ponds will be situated in flood zone 1 (least risk of flooding). The pond locations and dimensions will be as follows: Pond 1 (New Forest Field west): TL 81415 35794 - 150 sqm surface area - 1.5m maximum central depth; Pond 2 (New Forest Field east): TL 81532 35697 - 150 sqm surface area - 1.5m maximum central depth; Pond 3 (Wood Field east): TL 80783 36012 - 395 sqm surface area - 2m maximum central depth; Pond 4 (Wood Field west): TL 80611 36028 - 150 sqm surface area - 1.5m maximum central depth; Pond 5 (Whirl): TL 80289 35972 - 150 sqm surface area - 1.5m maximum central depth.

Have previous excavations or waste deposits been carried out?

- Yes
 No

Please state the size and number of the holding

Size

272.8

Scale

hectares

Number

122060181

Please state the depth of excavation, landfilling or height of landraising

Depth

2.0

Scale

metres

Would the excavated material be retained within the agricultural holding?

- Yes
 No

Please describe the materials that the imported waste would be composed of (e.g. top soil, sub soil, demolition waste, rubble etc)

Not applicable - no waste is being imported.

Would the works affect any watercourse, surface or groundwater (e.g. infilling of old ponds, diversion or damming of streams, rivers, brooks or drains, creation of lakes)?

- Yes
 No

If Yes, please describe

Five (5) livestock drinking ponds will be created across the farm to facilitate livestock grazing in three (3) fields. None of the ponds will receive inflows from, or be connected to, ditches, field drains, streams or other watercourses. The livestock drinking ponds will be dug into existing clay soil and are located in areas with a high water table, and will fill naturally with rainwater and groundwater. No existing watercourses will be altered or affected by the proposed work. The ponds are situated in flood zone 1 (least at risk of flooding).

The Site

What is the total area of the entire agricultural unit? (1 hectare = 10,000 square metres)

272.8

Scale

Hectares

What is the area of the parcel of land where the development is to be located?

1 or more

Hectares

How long has the land on which the proposed development would be located been in use for agriculture for the purposes of a trade or business?

Years

200

Months

0

Is the proposed development reasonably necessary for the purposes of agriculture?

Yes

No

If yes, please explain why

The creation of five (5) livestock drinking ponds is essential to agricultural activities on the farm. This development will provide drinking water to facilitate livestock grazing in three (3) fields. These ponds will provide an alternative drinking water source to the ditches, which will help protect the water quality in the ditches and downstream watercourses by reducing the amount of sediment, phosphate and other nutrients entering the watercourses directly through effluent and potential livestock entry. There is no existing infrastructure or other means to provide drinking water to livestock in these fields (e.g. pipes, troughs etc.) and the creation of these drinking ponds offers a more sustainable and environmentally-friendly solution to hard infrastructure.

Is the proposed development designed for the purposes of agriculture?

Yes

No

If yes, please explain why

The drinking ponds will have very gently-sloping bank gradients (1:10 - 1:20 gradients) to allow safe access to the water by livestock. The drinking ponds will have a maximum central depth of between 1 - 2m to encourage them to hold water throughout the summer, and to maintain a stable water temperature in winter. The ponds will have shallower areas (0 - 0.3m) available at the margins to allow safe use by livestock. Where multiple ponds are located in the same field, this will allow parcelling up of the field to take place (e.g. to facilitate mob grazing etc.).

Does the proposed development involve any alteration to a dwelling?

Yes

No

Is the proposed development more than 25 metres from a metalled part of a trunk or classified road?

Yes

No

What is the height of the proposed development?

0.0

Metres

Is the proposed development within 3 kilometres of an aerodrome?

Yes

No

Would the proposed development affect an ancient monument, archaeological site or listed building or would it be within a Site of Special Scientific Interest or a local nature reserve?

Yes

No

Site Visit

Can the site be seen from a public road, public footpath, bridleway or other public land?

- Yes
 No

If the planning authority needs to make an appointment to carry out a site visit, whom should they contact?

- The agent
 The applicant
 Other person

Declaration

I / We hereby apply for Prior Approval: Excavation/Deposit waste for agriculture as described in this form and accompanying plans/drawings and additional information. I / We confirm that, to the best of my/our knowledge, any facts stated are true and accurate and any opinions given are the genuine options of the persons giving them. I / We also accept that: Once submitted, this information will be transmitted to the Local Planning Authority and, once validated by them, be made available as part of a public register and on the authority's website; our system will automatically generate and send you emails in regard to the submission of this application.

I / We agree to the outlined declaration

Signed

Lucy Jenkins

Date

10/07/2023