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Tollerton Parish Council has received the following email in reply to a request for more information from the Environment Agency regarding the proposed slurry lagoon at Sowerton Farm, Sykes Lane, Tollerton:-

The lagoon is being constructed for the storage of slurry produced by the cattle on the farm, and is a requirement of the Nitrate Vulnerable Zone Regulations which came into force on the 1st January 2009. Under the regulations all farmers within an NVZ, which Sowerton Farm is within, must have up to six months storage for livestock slurry in place by 1 January 2012. This is to enable farmers to store slurry during the closed period for spreading (mid Oct - mid Jan) or at times when weather conditions prevent the activity.

We visited the site in March of this year and found that there was not sufficient capacity for the storage of slurry on the site and advised Mr. Coning that he would need to put such storage in. Therefore it would appear that this proposal is connected to the advice we gave him at this time.

The storage lagoon does not appear to be associated with the environmental permit to spread waste to land held by Mr. Coning's company, Coast to Coast Recycling Limited. Mr Coning may or may not intend to use the lagoon for storing waste associated with this permit, but he would still require there to be 6 months storage for the slurry produced on site.

Should there be any queries please direct them to our customer contact email address for this area

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