

From: Parkin, Nia
Sent: 12 May 2022 09:51
To: The Woodland Farm
Nature & Forestry)
Subject: RE: EIA Screening - where is the licence?

Dear

Thanks for your e-mail.

I can confirm we are currently investigating the issue you have raised in relation to EIA (Agriculture) regulations on the land in question.

However the potential nitrate issue you have raised falls within the remit of NRW to investigate not EIA (Agriculture) regulations.

Regards
Nia

From: The Woodland Farm
Sent: 11 May 2022 18:43
To: Coombes, Paul (E&M - Landscapes, Nature & Forestry)
Cc: Parkin, Nia (E&M - Landscapes, Nature & Forestry)
Subject: Re: EIA Screening - where is the licence?

Dear Paul and Nia

Following last nights and this morning rain our brook is now having milky silt running through, this is partly due to sections of the historic bank being removed.

I have tested for nitrite & nitrate levels... nitrite is within the 'caution' range and the nitrates showing in the 'high' range (one down from the highest level).

This afternoon I reported it to NRW as a pollution incident under reference; 2202896

The brook previously ran completely clear for the entire time we have owned the farm, approx 10 years.

Considering the scale of the works that have taken place this was highly predictable and needs to be remedied urgently before we get more heavy rain.

I have GPS/ time/ date stamps and a video as evidence.

Regards

On 11/05/2022 13:47, Paul Coombes wrote:

Dear – many thanks for the update on the area.

Nia – please note additional activity at the site.

best wishes, Paul

Dr Paul Coombes FRGS

From: The Woodland Farm

Sent: 10 May 2022 22:26

To: Coombes, Paul (E&M - Landscapes, Nature & Forestry)

Cc: Parkin, Nia (E&M - Landscapes, Nature & Forestry)

Subject: Re: EIA Screening - where is the licence?

Dear Paul and Nia

To our dismay they ploughed the Permanent Pasture today, not ploughed for at least 60 years (this follows their weed killer).

Perhaps there's a seed bank to return 'some' of the species rich meadow???

Not sure what your timescale or plan of action is hereon.

We're just dumbfounded.

On 10/05/2022 10:36, Paul Coombes wrote:

Dear – thanks for your message. Nia Parkin will be the ecologist investigating the case, and will be able to provide you with details of the EIA process. Aspects of the regulations are stricter in the National Park for certain issues, but this will depend on the nature of the works.

Please let us know if you have any additional queries.

best wishes, Paul

Dr Paul Coombes FRGS

From: The Woodland Farm
Sent: 06 May 2022 18:06
To: Coombes, Paul (E&M - Landscapes, Nature & Forestry)
Subject: Re: EIA Screening - where is the licence?

Dear Paul

Many thanks for this - I would be happy to meet with you and/ or assist in your site visit .

The biggest affect we have seen directly altering plant health on our own property are in connection with the agri-works carried out along the Southern boundary of our woodland (a long stretch along the Nortern edge of Plot 1).

This is due to;

- direct physical activities of excavator ditch works inc flora & fauna habitat removal, + trees removed or damaged
- immediately following the above the natural watercourse levels of our brook had a significant drop
- and potential spray drift of glyphosphates along the historic bank that runs adjacent our brook (which is ordinarily lush with ferns, mosses & lichen).

The field sprayed with weed killer on Plot 2 still hasn't been ploughed in but I presume this is the landowners intention as this is what they have done with all of the other fields.

We have over 100 photos with GPS/ time/ date stamps and I would be happy to forward them should they be of use?

Do you have details of what is covered in your initial investigation and are the regulations tighter as the land lies within Pembrokeshire Coast National Park?

Kind regards
Steve Atkins

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On 06/05/2022 17:27, Paul Coombes wrote:

Dear – many thanks for your message; we will investigate the site and see if the works carried out fall within our remit. Please let us know if you have any queries about the EIA regulations.

best wishes, Paul

Dr Paul Coombes FRGS

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