

From: The Woodland Farm
Sent: 01 May 2022 10:56
To: EIA Unit
Subject: EIA Screening - where is the licence?

Hello,

Since raising evidence of large scale changes to farm land management across hundreds of acres at The Rhos we are increasingly concerned this has not been inspected. We have alerted NRW, Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority and Welsh Government.

Please find maps attached to this email as reference to the issues.

The most northern field on plot 2 of the particulars has been permanent pasture for many years and has a wide range of meadow rich species... I believe this is the only remaining field that hasn't currently been ploughed, but it has been sprayed to kill the grasses off (all orange, see images attached).

Does the land owner have EIA Screening to carry out these activities inc authority to apply weed killer to permanent pasture destined to be ploughed in?

This is all historic landscape within Pembrokeshire Coast National Park. Why is this not being treated with urgency?...

Regards

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Subject:Re: FW: environmental impact assessment of ongoing works by landowner
Date:Wed, 27 Apr 2022 07:30:52 +0100
From:The Woodland Farm
To:Karen Bolton

Good morning Karen

Thankyou for this.

I discussed the issues with Chris Lawrence yesterday (NRW Conservation Officer) and he said NRW have very few powers to do anything unless it is a SSI/ Conservation site... but he has forwarded the file to Welsh Government as there may be numerous breaches on agricultural environmental impact.

It really needs to be fully investigated with a full environmental impact assessment.

I've attached the particulars for the land in question (the landowners in question very recently

purchased Plot 1 and Plot 2)... Plot 1 is the one where our woodland boundary has been impacted. Plot 2 also had some very old permanent pasture... the one with the circle of oak trees is currently bright orange where they have used Roundup. All the other permanent pastures have been ploughed in by them.

The landowner in question in regards to the above is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Brynhfryd Farm, Wolfscastle, SA62 5DT
Telephone; [REDACTED]

I've attached a few photos to this email which have longitude/ latitude co-ordinates.

My phone number is [REDACTED] and feel free to pass this on.

The landowner has already begun attempting remedial works to our brook, clearly to try and hide evidence from trespassing and causing impacts on our own property .

Many thanks for your help.
Kind regards

On 26/04/2022 18:22, Karen Bolton wrote:

Dear

Thank you for your email. It would appear as if Natural Resources Wales have been correctly advised of the problem and I would appreciate being kept informed of their findings.

Please can you also send a map of the area involve to DC@pembrokeshirecoast.org.uk so a record can be opened and the mapping layers analysed for sssi special sites of scientific interest or other markers such as protected trees then I will forward it onto Mike Higgins Tree and Landscape Officer Pembrokeshire Coast National Parks and also Tony Lewis of Pembrokeshire CC as the drainage adviser if a watercourse is being affected.

Also if you have a telephone or email address for the alleged transgressor that would be much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Karen Bolton

Planning Enforcement

Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority

From: The Woodland Farm

Sent: 26 April 2022 16:32

To: Karen Bolton

Subject: environmental impact assessment of ongoing works by landowner

WARNING: This email originated outside the organization. Please do not reply, click links, or open attachments unless you were expecting this email.

Dear Karen

We own & manage a 35 acre mixed woodland, horticulture & wildflower meadow farm within the National Park.

Address; The Woodland Farm, The Rhos, Pembrokeshire, SA62 4AN

Unfortunately we recently discovered our new farm neighbours (to the South of our property/ woodlands) have carried out works with serious environmental impacts to the land immediately adjacent our farm and affecting it.

This includes;

1. major excavations of a field boundary ditch with significant increase to it's depth and width
2. altering the natural shape of an ancient bank making sections near vertical where they were originally contoured
3. eradication of natural flora along the entire southern edge of the ancient bank
4. undercutting and severing the roots of many trees including some ancient oaks
5. entirely removing sections of the ancient bank and diverting ditches and a field drain into the brook (where they never previously existed)
6. dumping large heaps of excavated soil directly into the brook (from their excavation works into the brook on our land) creating a dam
7. felling/ pushing over numerous trees across the ancient bank/ brook
8. ploughing in permanent pasture

We informed NRW of the incidents above 20th April 2022, but they have not inspected for the above as yet

NRW Emergency Incident ref; 2202896

The Powys Police Wildlife Crime unit were informed of Badger activity along that entire area (they use this area regularly) and they carried out an inspection for Badger sett and bird nest disturbances but found no evidence.

Ref; DP-20220420-255

Please can we arrange to meet with you on site to inspect the impacts of the above and please advise who we should report these works to in Welsh Government as we do not believe any environmental impact assessment was done with regard the changes of land management.

The landowner in question in regards to the above is Mr Mike George
J.W.C George & Sons, Brynhyfryd Farm, Wolfscastle, SA62 5DT

We have photo evidence with a GPS and date/ time stamp and can forward these if this is of help?
I hope you can help and look forwards to hearing from you.

Kind regards