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Hilary

Apologies for my slow response.

Following the official response from the Environment Agency, I've been in touch with EA colleagues. They have explained that they don't really have a mechanism, either through planning or permitting, to have any influence on these proposals. I gather the application is too small to require a permit from them and so there is little they can do in this case.

Given that the EA would require a bunding wall to be permeable to flood waters it wouldn't provide any assistance in prevent leachate reaching the river either. Presumably the applicant should revert to the original design with no bunding at all?

In conclusion, I remain concerned that development so close to the river is liable to increase nutrients reaching the watercourse or, at the very least, will do nothing to decrease them. I would much prefer livestock to be housed further from any watercourse and well out of any flood plain, so that the nutrients and sediment that are threatening a highly vulnerable protected species and an internationally important site should be at least slightly diminished. That might also avoid affecting the small barn mentioned in my message below.

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