

Dirty Water Lagoons at Lockes and Blackhall Farm

Lockes farm has 2 above ground dirty water lagoons, locations found on Lockes farm site plan. Additionally Blackhall farm has 1 dirty water lagoon, location found on site plan.

All of these lagoons contain dirty water of a dry matter percentage below 1%. The previous owners of the sites had the Environment Agency visit the sites when he was running them and it was agreed that the lagoons on both sites were dirty water not slurry.

However following the recent announcement from the Environment Agency that dirty water stores must be covered by August 2022, We had recognised we would need to cover the lagoons & we are happy to do this. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/slurry-stores-on-permitted-pig-and-poultry-farms-with-less-than-1-dry-matter/slurry-stores-on-permitted-pig-and-poultry-farms-with-less-than-1-dry-matter>

The options at present are limited and we have been working on the premise that these are dirty water and that we did therefore have until 2022 to do this. Given this is an industry issue we believe that the support sector to the industry is likely to develop covering solutions over the next 12 months or so (as the requirement & demand for covers grows) and our aim was to wait to see how this develops. As we believe that more options will become available the closer we get to the deadline, given us better options for covering these particular lagoons.