

# Permitting decisions

## Part surrender

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We have decided to accept the surrender of part of the permit for Woodside Farm operated by Woodside Farming Limited.

The permit number is EPR/CP3432VR.

We are satisfied that the necessary measures have been taken to avoid any pollution risk and to return the site to a satisfactory state. We consider in reaching that decision we have taken into account all relevant considerations and legal requirements.

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Unless the decision document specifies otherwise we have accepted the applicant's proposals.

Read the permitting decisions in conjunction with the environmental permit and the surrender notice. The introductory note summarises what the notice covers.

## Decision checklist

Aspect considered	Decision
<b>Receipt of application</b>	
Confidential information	A claim for commercial or industrial confidentiality has not been made.
Identifying confidential information	We have not identified information provided as part of the application that we consider to be confidential.
<b>The facility</b>	
The regulated facility	<p>The permitted regulated facilities have changed as a result of the partial surrender.</p> <p>This part surrender is to surrender a parcel of land from the permit, which was grazed by free range chickens for egg production. There have been no other changes as a result of this part surrender and the operation of the site remains unchanged.</p>
<b>The site</b>	
Extent of the surrender application	<p>The operator has provided a plan showing the extent of the site of the facility that is to be surrendered.</p> <p>We consider this plan to be satisfactory. This can be found in Schedule 7 of the consolidated permit.</p>
Pollution risk	We are satisfied that the necessary measures have been taken to avoid a pollution risk resulting from the operation of the regulated facility.
Satisfactory state	<p>We are satisfied that the necessary measures have been taken to return the site of the regulated facility to a satisfactory state.</p> <p>There have been no pollution incidents in the history of this site.</p> <p>In coming to this decision we have had regard to the state of the site before the facility was put into operation.</p>
<b>Permit conditions</b>	
Changes to permit conditions as a consequence of the surrender	<p>The permit conditions have changed as a result of the partial surrender.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The site plan under schedule 7 of the permit has been amended to reflect the reduced installation boundary.</li> <li>• 'Condition 2.3.4 any raw materials or fuels listed in schedule 2 table S2.1 shall conform to the specifications set out in that table' has been added to correct its omission in the original permit.</li> <li>• 'Schedule 6 Interpretation' has been amended to reflect current wording of that schedule.</li> </ul>

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	There have been no other changes made as a result of this part surrender.
<b>Growth Duty</b>	
Section 108 Deregulation Act 2015 – Growth duty	<p>We have considered our duty to have regard to the desirability of promoting economic growth set out in section 108(1) of the Deregulation Act 2015 and the guidance issued under section 110 of that Act in deciding whether to grant this permit surrender.</p> <p>Paragraph 1.3 of the guidance says:</p> <p>“The primary role of regulators, in delivering regulation, is to achieve the regulatory outcomes for which they are responsible. For a number of regulators, these regulatory outcomes include an explicit reference to development or growth. The growth duty establishes economic growth as a factor that all specified regulators should have regard to, alongside the delivery of the protections set out in the relevant legislation.”</p> <p>We have addressed the legislative requirements and environmental standards to be set for this operation in the body of the decision document above. The guidance is clear at paragraph 1.5 that the growth duty does not legitimise non-compliance and its purpose is not to achieve or pursue economic growth at the expense of necessary protections.</p>