

# Notice of variation and consolidation with introductory note

**The Environmental Permitting (England & Wales) Regulations 2010**

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Mr Russell Brooks, Mr Artis Brooks and Mrs Dinah Brooks

Hill Top Farm  
Church Street  
Horsford  
Norfolk  
NR10 3DB

**Variation application number**

EPR/RP3236MU/V004

**Permit number**

EPR/RP3236MU

# Hill Top Farm

## Permit number EPR/RP3236MU

### Introductory note

#### **This introductory note does not form a part of the notice.**

Under the Environmental Permitting (England & Wales) Regulations 2010 (schedule 5, part 1, paragraph 19) a variation may comprise a consolidated permit reflecting the variations and a notice specifying the variations. Schedule 1 of the notice specifies the conditions that have been varied and schedule 2 comprises a consolidated permit which reflects the variations being made.

Hill Top Farm Pig Unit is situated near the village of Horsford in Norfolk, approximately 6km North-West of the centre of Norwich. The installation is approximately centred on National Grid Reference TG2008215422.

This variation authorises the following changes:

Four new buildings will be added, each with places for 600 growers. This is an increase of 2400 places, taking the total installation size from 4600 places to 7000 places. The new buildings will be naturally ventilated on straw push through. They will be operated in the same way as the existing straw based buildings.

The rest of the installation is unchanged. An updated summary of the main features of the installation is shown below:

Pigs are housed in 19 buildings as shown on site plan in Schedule 7 of this permit. All units apart from one are solid based straw systems and naturally ventilated. The remaining one, which has fan-assisted ventilation, is a fully slated unit with slurry stored beneath.

The majority of solid manure is exported directly from sheds into a trailer and is not stored on site. Any manure that is stored is stored on a muck pad with an impermeable base and drainage system for storage. Dirty water is stored in one of two below ground tanks and emptied when possible for spreading on non operated land. Spent foot dips are added to the tanks.

The diesel tank is within a concrete brick bund in a disused grain store. Medicines are stored in a locked refrigerator in a store with biocides. No pesticides are kept on site.

All units apart from unit 9b are naturally ventilated. 9b has fan assistance. Feed is stored in purpose built bins: a two stage feed is supplied matching the nutrient requirements of the growing period. A mixture of nipple and bowl drinkers are used. All buildings are insulated and energy efficient lighting is used where possible.

All slurry/dirty water and manure is spread on non operator owned land. Carcasses are collected regularly from covered bins on site for appropriate disposal.

Releases from this installation may include releases of ammonia and dust to air, releases to controlled water, land and groundwater and releases of odour and noise.

This consolidation implements the requirements of the European Union Directive on Industrial Emissions.

The schedules specify the changes made to the permit.

The status log of a permit sets out the permitting history, including any changes to the permit reference number.

<b>Status log of the permit</b>		
<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Application received RP3236MU (EPR/RP3236MY/A001)	Duly made 08/01/07	Application for pig farm permit.
Additional information request	31/05/07	Response date 31/05/07
Additional information request	08/08/07	Response date 09/08/07
Additional information request	03/10/07	Response date 10/10/07
Permit determined RP3236MU	21/12/07	
Application received EPR/RP3236MU/V002	23/03/2011	Agency withdrawn 06/05/2011
Application EPR/ RP3236MU/V003	Duly made 11/05/2011	Application to vary permit to include new pig sheds.
Additional information request	04/08/2011	Drainage
Variation determined EPR/RP3236MU/V003		Varied permit issued.
Variation application EPR/RP3236MU/V004	Duly made 18/09/15	Increase places to 7000
Variation issued EPR/RP3236MU/V004	02/11/15	Varied and consolidated permit issued

End of introductory note

# Notice of variation and consolidation

## The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010

The Environment Agency in exercise of its powers under regulation 20 of the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010 varies and consolidates

### Permit number

EPR/RP3236MU

### Issued to

**Mr Russell Brooks, Mr Artis Brooks and Mrs Dinah Brooks** (“the operator”)

of

**Church Street**

**Horsford**

**Norfolk**

**NR10 3DB**

to operate an installation at

**Hill Top Farm**

**Church Street**

**Horsford**

**Norfolk**

**NR10 3DB**

to the extent set out in the schedules.

The notice shall take effect from 02/11/2015

Name	Date
Philip Lamb	02/11/2015

Authorised on behalf of the Environment Agency

## **Schedule 1**

All conditions have been varied by the consolidated permit EPR/RP3236MU as a result of the application made by the operator.

## **Schedule 2 – consolidated permit**

Consolidated permit issued as a separate document.

# Permit

## The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010

### Permit number

**EPR/RP3236MU**

This is the consolidated permit referred to in the variation and consolidation notice for application EPR/RP3236MU/V004 authorising,

**Mr Russell Brooks, Mr Artis Brooks and Mrs Dinah Brooks** (“the operator”),

of

**Church Street  
Horsford  
Norfolk  
NR10 3DB**

to operate an installation at

**Hill Top Farm  
Church Street  
Horsford  
Norfolk  
NR10 3DB**

to the extent authorised by and subject to the conditions of this permit.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Philip Lamb</b>	<b>02/11/2015</b>

Authorised on behalf of the Environment Agency

# Conditions

## 1 Management

### 1.1 General management

1.1.1 The operator shall manage and operate the activities:

- (a) in accordance with a written management system that identifies and minimises risks of pollution, including those arising from operations, maintenance, accidents, incidents, non-conformances, closure and those drawn to the attention of the operator as a result of complaints; and
- (b) using sufficient competent persons and resources.

1.1.2 Records demonstrating compliance with condition 1.1.1 shall be maintained.

1.1.3 Any person having duties that are or may be affected by the matters set out in this permit shall have convenient access to a copy of it kept at or near the place where those duties are carried out.

### 1.2 Energy efficiency

1.2.1 The operator shall:

- (a) take appropriate measures to ensure that energy is used efficiently in the activities;
- (b) review and record at least every four years whether there are suitable opportunities to improve the energy efficiency of the activities; and
- (c) take any further appropriate measures identified by a review.

### 1.3 Efficient use of raw materials

1.3.1 The operator shall:

- (a) take appropriate measures to ensure that raw materials and water are used efficiently in the activities;
- (b) maintain records of raw materials and water used in the activities;
- (c) review and record at least every four years whether there are suitable alternative materials that could reduce environmental impact or opportunities to improve the efficiency of raw material and water use; and
- (d) take any further appropriate measures identified by a review.

### 1.4 Avoidance, recovery and disposal of wastes produced by the activities

1.4.1 The operator shall take appropriate measures to ensure that:

- (a) the waste hierarchy referred to in Article 4 of the Waste Framework Directive is applied to the generation of waste by the activities;
- (b) any waste generated by the activities is treated in accordance with the waste hierarchy referred to in Article 4 of the Waste Framework Directive; and
- (c) where disposal is necessary, this is undertaken in a manner which minimises its impact on the environment.

- 1.4.2 The operator shall review and record at least every four years whether changes to those measures should be made and take any further appropriate measures identified by a review.

## **2 Operations**

### **2.1 Permitted activities**

- 2.1.1 The operator is only authorised to carry out the activities specified in schedule 1 table S1.1 (the "activities").

### **2.2 The site**

- 2.2.1 The activities shall not extend beyond the site, being the land shown edged in green on the site plan at schedule 7 to this permit.

### **2.3 Operating techniques**

- 2.3.1 The activities shall, subject to the conditions of this permit, be operated using the techniques and in the manner described in the documentation specified in schedule 1, table S1.2, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.
- 2.3.2 If notified by the Environment Agency that the activities are giving rise to pollution, the operator shall submit to the Environment Agency for approval within the period specified, a revision of any plan or other documentation ("plan") specified in schedule 1, table S1.2 or otherwise required under this permit which identifies and minimises the risks of pollution relevant to that plan, and shall implement the approved revised plan in place of the original from the date of approval, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.
- 2.3.3 The operator shall maintain and implement a system to record the number of animal places and animal movements.
- 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.
- 2.3.5 The operator shall take appropriate measures in off-site disposal or recovery of solid manure or slurry to prevent, or where this is not practicable, to minimise pollution..
- 2.3.6 The operator shall ensure that where waste produced by the activities is sent to a relevant waste operation, that operation is provided with the following information, prior to the receipt of the waste:
- (a) the nature of the process producing the waste;
  - (b) the composition of the waste;
  - (c) the handling requirements of the waste;
  - (d) the hazardous property associated with the waste, if applicable; and
  - (e) the waste code of the waste.
- 2.3.7 The operator shall ensure that where waste produced by the activities is sent to a landfill site, it meets the waste acceptance criteria for that landfill.

### **2.4 Improvement programme**

- 2.4.1 The operator shall complete the improvements specified in schedule 1 table S1.3 by the date specified in that table unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.



- 2.4.2 Except in the case of an improvement which consists only of a submission to the Environment Agency, the operator shall notify the Environment Agency within 14 days of completion of each improvement.

## **3 Emissions and monitoring**

### **3.1 Emissions to water, air or land**

- 3.1.1 There shall be no point source emissions to water, air or land except from the sources and emission points listed in schedule 3 tables S3.1 and S3.2.
- 3.1.2 The limits given in schedule 3 shall not be exceeded.
- 3.1.3 Periodic monitoring shall be carried out at least once every 5 years for groundwater and 10 years for soil, unless such monitoring is based on a systematic appraisal of the risk of contamination.

### **3.2 Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits**

- 3.2.1 Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits (excluding odour) shall not cause pollution. The operator shall not be taken to have breached this condition if appropriate measures, including, but not limited to, those specified in any approved emissions management plan, have been taken to prevent or where that is not practicable, to minimise, those emissions.
- 3.2.2 All liquids in containers, whose emission to water or land could cause pollution, shall be provided with secondary containment, unless the operator has used other appropriate measures to prevent or where that is not practicable, to minimise, leakage and spillage from the primary container.

### **3.3 Odour**

- 3.3.1 Emissions from the activities shall be free from odour at levels likely to cause pollution outside the site, as perceived by an authorised officer of the Environment Agency, unless the operator has used appropriate measures, including, but not limited to, those specified in any approved odour management plan, to prevent or where that is not practicable to minimise the odour.

### **3.4 Noise and vibration**

- 3.4.1 Emissions from the activities shall be free from noise and vibration at levels likely to cause pollution outside the site, as perceived by an authorised officer of the Environment Agency, unless the operator has used appropriate measures, including, but not limited to, those specified in any approved noise and vibration management plan to prevent or where that is not practicable to minimise the noise and vibration.

### **3.5 Monitoring**

- 3.5.1 The operator shall, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency, undertake the monitoring specified in the following tables in schedule 3 to this permit:
- (a) point source emissions specified in tables S3.1 and S3.2;

### **3.6 Pests**

- 3.6.1 The activities shall not give rise to the presence of pests which are likely to cause pollution, hazard or annoyance outside the boundary of the site. The operator shall not be taken to have breached this condition if appropriate measures, including, but not limited to, those specified in any approved pests management plan, have been taken to prevent or where that is not practicable, to minimise the presence of pests on the site.
- 3.6.2 The operator shall:
- (a) if notified by the Environment Agency, submit to the Environment Agency for approval within the period specified, a pests management plan which identifies and minimises risks of pollution, hazard or annoyance from pests;
  - (b) implement the pests management plan, from the date of approval, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.

## **4 Information**

### **4.1 Records**

- 4.1.1 All records required to be made by this permit shall:
- (a) be legible;
  - (b) be made as soon as reasonably practicable;
  - (c) if amended, be amended in such a way that the original and any subsequent amendments remain legible, or are capable of retrieval; and
  - (d) be retained, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency, for at least 6 years from the date when the records were made, or in the case of the following records until permit surrender:
    - (i) off-site environmental effects; and
    - (ii) matters which affect the condition of the land and groundwater.
- 4.1.2 The operator shall keep on site all records, plans and the management system required to be maintained by this permit, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.

### **4.2 Reporting**

- 4.2.1 The operator shall send all reports and notifications required by the permit to the Environment Agency using the contact details supplied in writing by the Environment Agency.
- 4.2.2 The operator shall, unless notice under this condition has been served within the preceding four years, submit to the Environment Agency, within six months of receipt of a written notice, a report assessing whether there are other appropriate measures that could be taken to prevent, or where that is not practicable, to minimise pollution.

### **4.3 Notifications**

- 4.3.1 In the event:
- (a) that the operation of the activities gives rise to an incident or accident which significantly affects or may significantly affect the environment, the operator must immediately—
    - (i) inform the Environment Agency,
    - (ii) take the measures necessary to limit the environmental consequences of such an incident or accident, and
    - (iii) take the measures necessary to prevent further possible incidents or accidents;

- (b) of a breach of any permit condition the operator must immediately—
  - (i) inform the Environment Agency, and
  - (ii) take the measures necessary to ensure that compliance is restored within the shortest possible time;
- (c) of a breach of permit condition which poses an immediate danger to human health or threatens to cause an immediate significant adverse effect on the environment, the operator must immediately suspend the operation of the activities or the relevant part of it until compliance with the permit conditions has been restored.

4.3.2 Any information provided under condition 4.3.1 shall be confirmed by sending the information listed in schedule 5 to this permit within the time period specified in that schedule.

4.3.3 Where the Environment Agency has requested in writing that it shall be notified when the operator is to undertake monitoring and/or spot sampling, the operator shall inform the Environment Agency when the relevant monitoring and/or spot sampling is to take place. The operator shall provide this information to the Environment Agency at least 14 days before the date the monitoring is to be undertaken.

4.3.4 The Environment Agency shall be notified within 14 days of the occurrence of the following matters, except where such disclosure is prohibited by Stock Exchange rules:

Where the operator is a registered company:

- (a) any change in the operator's trading name, registered name or registered office address; and
- (b) any steps taken with a view to the operator going into administration, entering into a company voluntary arrangement or being wound up.

Where the operator is a corporate body other than a registered company:

- (a) any change in the operator's name or address; and
- (b) any steps taken with a view to the dissolution of the operator.

In any other case:

- (a) the death of any of the named operators (where the operator consists of more than one named individual);
- (b) any change in the operator's name(s) or address(es); and
- (c) any steps taken with a view to the operator, or any one of them, going into bankruptcy, entering into a composition or arrangement with creditors, or, in the case of them being in a partnership, dissolving the partnership.

4.3.5 Where the operator proposes to make a change in the nature or functioning, or an extension of the activities, which may have consequences for the environment and the change is not otherwise the subject of an application for approval under the Regulations or this permit:

- (a) the Environment Agency shall be notified at least 14 days before making the change; and
- (b) the notification shall contain a description of the proposed change in operation.

4.3.6 The Environment Agency shall be given at least 14 days notice before implementation of any part of the site closure plan.

## 4.4 Interpretation

4.4.1 In this permit the expressions listed in schedule 6 shall have the meaning given in that schedule.

4.4.2 In this permit references to reports and notifications mean written reports and notifications, except where reference is made to notification being made "immediately", in which case it may be provided by telephone.

# Schedule 1 – Operations

<b>Table S1.1 activities</b>		
<b>Activity listed in Schedule 1 of the EP Regulations</b>	<b>Description of specified activity</b>	<b>Limits of specified activity</b>
Section 6.9 A(1)(a)(ii) Rearing of pigs intensively in an installation with more than 2,000 places for production pigs (over 30 kg)	Rearing of pigs intensively in an installation with a capacity for 7000 production pig (over 30 kg) places	From receipt of production pigs and not served gilts (over 30 kg), raw materials and fuels on to the site to pigs and associated wastes being removed from site.
<b>Directly Associated Activity</b>	<b>Description of specified activity</b>	<b>Limits of specified activity</b>
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<b>Table S1.2 Operating techniques</b>		
<b>Description</b>	<b>Parts</b>	<b>Date Received</b>
Application	The responses to sections B2.3.1, B2.3.2, B2.3.3, B2.5.1, B2.5.2, B2.5.3, B2.7.1 and B2.7.2 in the Application.	08/01/07
Request for Information dated	Response to Request for Information confirming numbers of pigs and where additional pigs will be kept and how.	31/05/07
Request for Information dated 08/08/07	Response to Request for Information confirming management procedures are now in place as stated in application	09/08/07
Request for Information Dated: 03/10/07	Response to Request for Information confirming fate of both dirty and clean water run off and further details of slurry reception pits noted in ASR	10/10/07
Application EPR/ RP3236MU/V003	Application to vary the permit with the addition of a new shed	11/05/2011
Request for Information	Email confirming drainage and operating techniques remain unchanged	04/08/11
Variation application EPR/RP3236MU/V007	The response to question 8a of application form part C3.5. Non technical summary	18/09/15

<b>Table S1.3 Improvement programme requirements</b>		
<b>Reference</b>	<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Date</b>
IC1 to IC3	-	Completed

## Schedule 2 – Waste types, raw materials and fuels

Table S2.1 Raw materials and fuels	
Raw materials and fuel description	Specification
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## Schedule 3 – Emissions and monitoring

<b>Table S3.1 Point source emissions to air – emission limits and monitoring requirements</b>						
<b>Emission point ref. &amp; location</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Limit (including unit)</b>	<b>Reference Period</b>	<b>Monitoring frequency</b>	<b>Monitoring standard or method</b>
Roof fan outlets on building 9b as shown on site plan (2) submitted with application EPR/RP3237MU/V004	Pig house 9b	—	—	—	—	—
Side vents on buildings 1a, 1b, 2, 3, 4a, 4b, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9a, 10a, 10b, 10c, 11a, 11b, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 as shown on site plan (2) submitted with variation application EPR/RP3237MU/V004	Pig houses 1a,1b, 2, 3,4a,4b, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9a,10a,10b,10c, 11a, 11b, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16	—	—	—	—	—
Vent from oil tank as shown on the plan submitted in support of application EPR/RP3236MU/V003	Diesel tank	—	—	—	—	—

<b>Table S3.2 Point Source emissions to water (other than sewer) and land – emission limits and monitoring requirements</b>						
<b>Emission point ref. &amp; location</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Limit (incl. unit)</b>	<b>Reference Period</b>	<b>Monitoring frequency</b>	<b>Monitoring standard or method</b>
Soakaways as shown on site drainage plan submitted with application EPR/RP3236MU/V004	Roof water from pig houses and uncontaminated site surface water	—	—	—	—	—

## **Schedule 4 – Reporting**

There is no reporting under this schedule



## Schedule 5 – Notification

These pages outline the information that the operator must provide.

Units of measurement used in information supplied under Part A and B requirements shall be appropriate to the circumstances of the emission. Where appropriate, a comparison should be made of actual emissions and authorised emission limits.

If any information is considered commercially confidential, it should be separated from non-confidential information, supplied on a separate sheet and accompanied by an application for commercial confidentiality under the provisions of the EP Regulations.

### Part A

Permit Number	<b>EPR/RP3236MU</b>
Name of operator	<b>Mr Russell Brooks, Mr Artis Brooks and Mrs Dinah Brooks</b>
Location of Facility	
Time and date of the detection	

<b>(a) Notification requirements for any malfunction, breakdown or failure of equipment or techniques, accident, or emission of a substance not controlled by an emission limit which has caused, is causing or may cause significant pollution</b>	
<b>To be notified within 24 hours of detection</b>	
Date and time of the event	
Reference or description of the location of the event	
Description of where any release into the environment took place	
Substances(s) potentially released	
Best estimate of the quantity or rate of release of substances	
Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to stop any emission	
Description of the failure or accident.	

<b>(b) Notification requirements for the breach of a limit</b>	
<b>To be notified within 24 hours of detection</b>	
Emission point reference/ source	
Parameter(s)	
Limit	
Measured value and uncertainty	
Date and time of monitoring	
Measures taken, or intended to be	

<b>(b) Notification requirements for the breach of a limit</b>	
<b>To be notified within 24 hours of detection</b>	
taken, to stop the emission	

<b>Time periods for notification following detection of a breach of a limit</b>	
<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Notification period</b>

<b>(c) Notification requirements for the detection of any significant adverse environmental effect</b>	
<b>To be notified within 24 hours of detection</b>	
Description of where the effect on the environment was detected	
Substances(s) detected	
Concentrations of substances detected	
Date of monitoring/sampling	

**Part B – to be submitted as soon as practicable**

Any more accurate information on the matters for notification under Part A.	
Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to prevent a recurrence of the incident	
Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to rectify, limit or prevent any pollution of the environment which has been or may be caused by the emission	
The dates of any unauthorised emissions from the facility in the preceding 24 months.	

Name*	
Post	
Signature	
Date	

\* authorised to sign on behalf of the operator

## Schedule 6 – Interpretation

“accident” means an accident that may result in pollution.

“application” means the application for this permit, together with any additional information supplied by the operator as part of the application and any response to a notice served under Schedule 5 to the EP Regulations.

“authorised officer” means any person authorised by the Environment Agency under section 108(1) of The Environment Act 1995 to exercise, in accordance with the terms of any such authorisation, any power specified in section 108(4) of that Act.

“building” means a construction that has the objective of providing sheltering cover and minimising emissions of noise, particulate matter, odour and litter.

“emissions to land” includes emissions to groundwater.

“emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits” means emissions of substances to air, water or land from the activities, either from the emission points specified in schedule 3 or from other localised or diffuse sources, which are not controlled by an emission limit.

“EP Regulations” means The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations SI 2010 No.675 and words and expressions used in this permit which are also used in the Regulations have the same meanings as in those Regulations.

“groundwater” means all water, which is below the surface of the ground in the saturation zone and in direct contact with the ground or subsoil.

‘Hazardous property’ has the meaning in Annex III of the Waste Framework Directive.

“Industrial Emissions Directive” means DIRECTIVE 2010/75/EU OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 24 November 2010 on industrial emissions.

‘List of Wastes’ means the list of wastes established by Commission Decision 2000/532/EC replacing Decision 94/3/EC establishing a list of wastes pursuant to Article 1(a) of Council Directive 75/442/EEC on waste and Council Decision 94/904/EC establishing a list of hazardous waste pursuant to Article 1(4) of Council Directive 91/689/EEC on hazardous waste, as amended from time to time.

“Manure and slurry” have the following meaning:

- Manures may be either slurries or solid manures.
- Slurries consist of excreta produced by livestock whilst in a yard or building mixed with rainwater and wash water and, in some cases, waste bedding and feed. Slurries can be pumped or discharged by gravity.
- Slurry includes duck effluent, seepage from manure and wash water.
- Solid manures include farmyard manure (FYM) and comprise material from straw-based housing systems, excreta with lots of straw/sawdust/woodchips in it, or solids from mechanical separators.
- Most poultry systems produce solid manure (litter).
- Solid manure can generally be stacked.

“pests” means Birds, Vermin and Insects.

“SGN How to comply – Intensive Farming” The EPR Sector Guidance Note 6.09 for intensive pig and poultry farmers, Version 2 published January 2010.

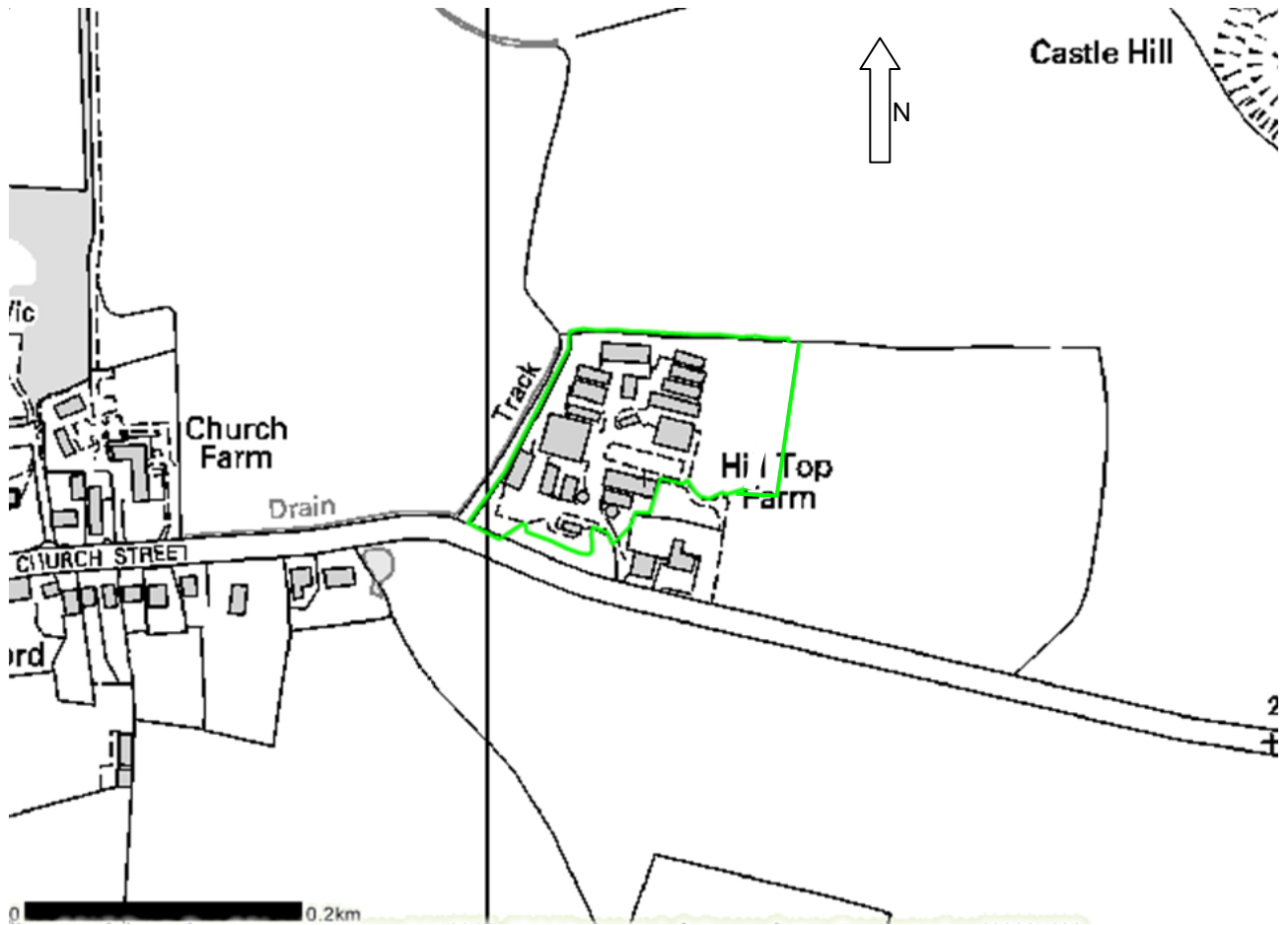
‘Waste code’ means the six digit code referable to a type of waste in accordance with the List of Wastes and in relation to hazardous waste, includes the asterisk

“Waste Framework Directive” or “WFD” means Waste Framework Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on waste.

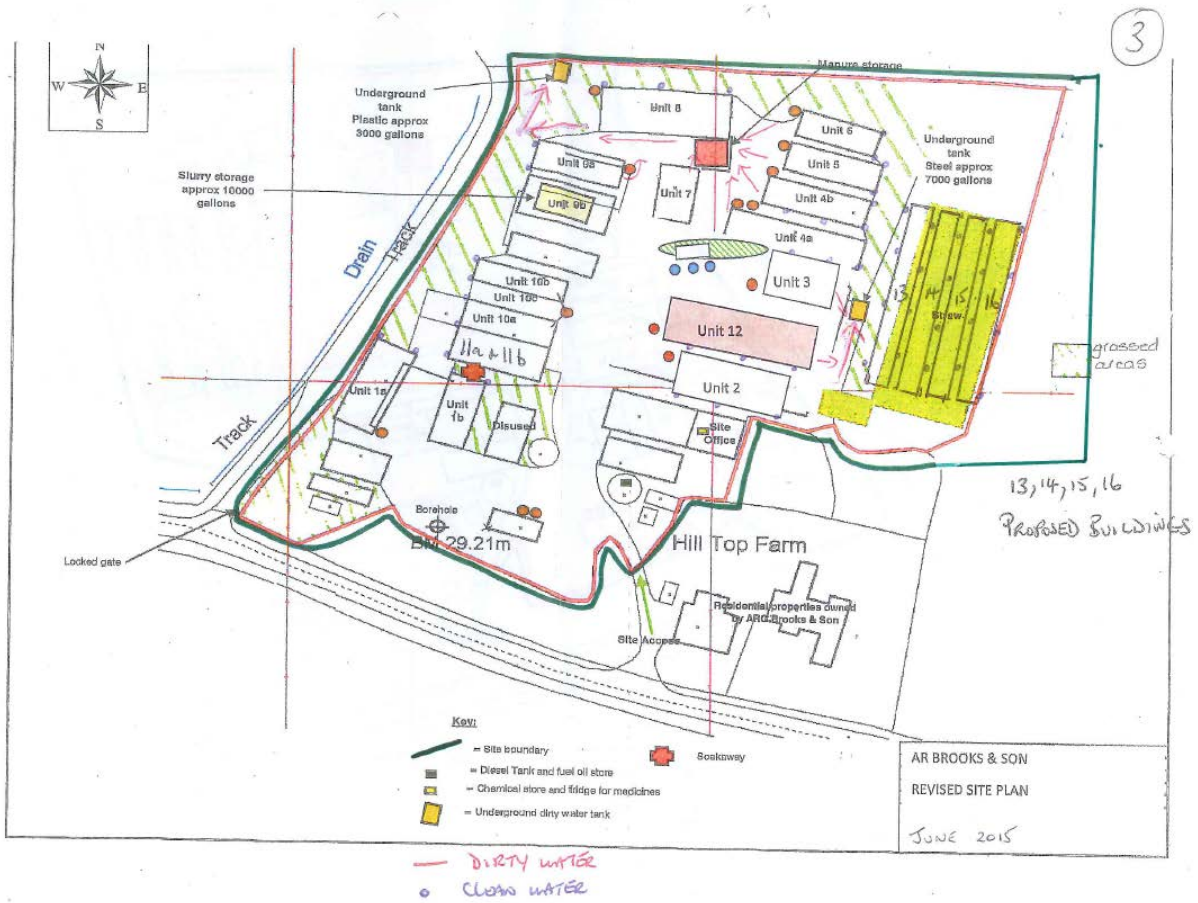
“year” means calendar year ending 31 December.

# Schedule 7 – Site plan

Installation boundary plan



Site layout plan



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