

Environment Agency permitting decisions

Surrender

We have decided to accept the surrender of the permit for **Dean Hill Coppice Piggery Unit** operated by **Crichel Farms Limited**.

The permit number is **EPR/KP3039UK**

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.

Purpose of this document

This decision document:

- explains how the operator's application has been determined
- provides a record of the decision-making process
- shows how all relevant factors have been taken into account

Structure of this document

- Key issues
- Annex 1 the decision checklist

Key issues of the decision

The installation is being surrendered because the farm is now operated below the threshold for requiring an environmental permit. The original permit KP3039UK (EPR/KP3039UK) pig numbers are as follows:

| Table S1.1 activities | | |
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| Activity listed in Schedule 1 of the PPC Regulations | Description of specified activity | Limits of specified activity |
| Section 6.9 A(1)(a) Rearing of poultry or pigs intensively in an installation with more than: (ii) 2,000 places for production pigs (over 30kg) | Rearing of pigs intensively in an installation with a capacity for 4360 production pig places. | Keeping of production pigs (over 30kg), including from receipt of raw materials and fuels on to the site to finished pigs and associated wastes being removed from site. |
| Directly Associated Activity | | |
| Rearing 1800 piglets | Rearing of piglets from receipt to 30Kg | From receipt of piglets and receipt of raw materials up to piglets reaching 30Kg and removal of piglets and associated wastes from site |

The facility has not operated above the scheduled activity threshold stated since **September 2011**.

The farm now operates to keep dry sows in the main three building with other ARM style farm buildings for piglets cleared and cleaned out. The pig numbers are now no more than 704 sows at any time, below relevant scheduled activity threshold of 750 sows, with no other production pigs on site over 30 kg. These pigs are kept on deep straw litter with no slurry now produced. The liquid feed tanks are no longer in use. The drainage pipe to the slurry lagoon has been disconnected and is not utilised going forward.

The backup diesel generator has been cleaned out and the generator shed cleaned and sealed.

The operator still exists as a legal entity but is now in liquidation, as confirmed via a Companies House check. The company was placed in liquidation on 31st March 2014. The liquidator Moore Stephens, 150 Aldersgate Street London EC1A 4AB, has applied on behalf of the operator.

Conclusion

The installation activities have ceased and steps have been taken to clean buildings and tanks not utilised in current activities below the relevant scheduled activity threshold.

Annex 1: decision checklist

| Aspect considered | Justification / Detail | Criteria met |
|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| | | Yes |
| Receipt of submission | | |
| Confidential information | A claim for commercial or industrial confidentiality has not been made. | ✓ |
| The site | | |
| Extent of the surrender application | The operator has provided a plan showing the extent of the site of the facility that is to be surrendered. We consider this plan to be satisfactory. The installation is being surrendered in full in line with the latest updated installation boundary plan within variation EPR/KP3039UK/V002. The latter variation included the addition of a slurry lagoon to the installation boundary. | ✓ |
| 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. No significant environmental incidents have been recorded within the | ✓ |

| Aspect considered | Justification / Detail | Criteria met |
|--------------------|--|--------------|
| | | Yes |
| | life of the permit, since original permit KP3039UK (EPR/KP3039UK) issued in 2007. | |
| Satisfactory state | We are satisfied that the necessary measures have been taken to return the site of the regulated facility to a satisfactory state. This is after confirmation of state of the site from our compliance team. In coming to this decision we have had regard to the state of the site before the facility was put into operation. | ✓ |