

Environment Agency permitting decisions

Surrender

We have decided to accept the surrender of the permit for Red House Farm operated by Mr Roger Davey, Mr Robert Davey, & Mr Richard Davey (trading as J. W. Davey & Sons).

The permit number is EPR/JP3331MZ/S002

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 operator applied to surrender their intensive farming permit for the rearing of pigs intensively in an installation with a capacity for 2900 production pig places. The site will not close. The operator has stated that they will reduce their pig numbers to 1990, below the stocking numbers that require regulation by the Environment Agency under Section 6.9 A(1)(a) of the Environmental Permitting Regulations.

The operator provided a site condition report which outlines the measures they have taken to leave the site in a satisfactory condition. During the life of the permit, appropriate infrastructure and management systems have been in place which meet the requirements of our intensive farming How to Comply With Your Environmental Permit guidance for farming installations, and the operator has confirmed there have been no pollution incidents.

The operator has provided a site plan which outlines the buildings that will no longer be used to stock pigs. The operator has confirmed they have cleared pigs from two buildings and removed all associated feed, chemicals and medicines. The buildings have been cleared and are now designated for farm animals other than pigs (horses proposed). The operator has confirmed that they will stock pigs in the remaining buildings below the Environmental Permitting Regulation thresholds for capacity.

The site was inspected by an Environment Agency officer on the 15/12/2014. The officer confirmed that all decommissioning measures outlined in the site condition report have been undertaken and the site has been left in a satisfactory state with a stocking capacity of less than 2000 pig places.

Annex 1: decision checklist

This document should be read in conjunction with the Duly Making checklist, the application and supporting information and permit/ notice.

Aspect considered	Justification / Detail	Criteria met
		Yes
The site		
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.</p>	✓
Pollution risk	<p>We are satisfied that the necessary measures have been taken to avoid a pollution risk resulting from the operation of the regulated facility.</p>	✓
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>In coming to this decision we have had regard to the state of the site before the facility was put into operation.</p>	✓