

Environment Agency permitting decisions

Part surrender

We have decided to accept the surrender of part of the permit for Willand Abattoir operated by 2 Sisters Food Group Limited.

The permit number is EPR/QP3633GP

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 2 Sisters Food Group Limited (2SFG) bought the business from Lloyd Mauder, in 2008. The original permit LP3737PN was transferred on 05/08/08 to the new owners and given a new permit number EPR/QP3633GP. The Mauder family retained ownership of the land that the business sits on and Lloyd Mauder Holdings Limited leased this back to 2SFG.

Until 19/04/09, 2SFG were entitled to use all of the land within the installation boundary. After this date 2SFG were only entitled to use two pockets of land , the land on which the main poultry and meat cutting/packing buildings stands and the effluent treatment plant (ETP), with a right of access between the two. Although de-commissioning of the operations within the lamb plant and red meat cutting/ packing, further processing and sausage departments was undertaken in 2009 and buildings demolished in 2010.

Permit Variation EPR/LP3737PN/V002 issued on 30/04/10 removed reference to the lamb plant and red meat cutting/ packing, further processing and sausage departments operations, but did not change the permitted boundary.

This part surrender/variation notice reduces the permitted boundary. The installation boundary includes a thin strip of land between the abattoir and the effluent. This is the underground pipe carrying effluent to the treatment plant from the abattoir. This land is rented by Greener for Life from Lloyd Maunder Property Holdings but 2 Sisters Food Group have access for maintenance of the pipe.

Annex 1: decision checklist

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

Aspect considered	Justification / Detail	Criteria met
		Yes
The facility		
The regulated facility	The permitted regulated facilities have changed as a result of the partial surrender. See Key issues.	✓
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. See Key issues.	✓
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	We are satisfied that the necessary measures have been taken to return the part of the regulated facility to a satisfactory state. In coming to this decision we have had regard to the state of the site before the part of the facility was put into operation.	✓