

Permitting decisions

Surrender

We have decided to accept the surrender of the permit for North Winchester Poultry Farm operated by Humphrey Farms Limited.

The permit number is EPR/YP3030UM.

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 provides a record of the decision making process. It:

- highlights key issues in the determination
- summarises the decision making process in the decision checklist to show how all relevant factors have been taken into account

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.

Key issues of the decision

The site is surrendering its permit as it is falling below the 40,000 bird stock threshold on site. They are also closing the site completely after the final batches have been finished and transported off site.

The site will be returned to an appropriately clean, non-hazardous state but it is not considered necessary to return it to a green field state.

At the end of the final flock, the birds will be taken away from the site for procession and all manures will be loaded into lorries and transported off site. Any unused litter or other materials will be returned to the suppliers, if possible. Any feed remaining in the feed bins will be taken off site, either for disposal or to another operational site if appropriate. Any carcasses will be disposed of in the normal way.

When empty, the houses, equipment and surrounding concrete areas will be thoroughly washed.

Any chemicals, pesticides and veterinary products will be removed from site and either returned to the suppliers or disposed of in a way which is consistent with the manufacturers recommendations. Any unused fuels will be removed from the tanks by the suppliers and the tanks would be locked, moved to another operational site or removed from the site as waste.

Salvageable equipment such as feeding, drinking, heating and ventilation systems will be removed from the site.

The structure of the buildings will be checked to ensure that they are sound. Air inlets and fan boxes will be closed as appropriate to minimise the risk of pest infestation. Water and electricity supplies will be shut off and all doors to the houses will be locked to prevent unauthorised entry.

The site is now fully closed as of 31 March 2017.

A final site inspection has been conducted to ensure that all pollution risks have been removed and that there is no potential for pollution, flooding or other mishap due to vandalism, inclement weather or other events. Keys for access and all records relating to the site will be stored safely. The applicant has confirmed that all of the above has been completed.

Decision checklist

Aspect considered	Decision
Receipt of application	
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.
The site	
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 site 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 facility was put into operation. See key issues for details.