

Permit with introductory note

The Environmental Permitting (England & Wales) Regulations 2016

H.M. Venn & Sons Limited

Site 7
Fen Road
Ruskington
Sleaford
Lincs
NG34 9TH

Permit number

EPR/UP3231YH

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Introductory note

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

The main features of the permit are as follows:

Site 7 is situated approximately 1.3 kilometres east of the town of Ruskington. The installation is approximately centred on National Grid Reference TF 09583 51255. The installation is operated by HM Venn and Sons Ltd and comprises four poultry houses, numbered one to four, which operate broiler intensive farm activity. The four poultry houses provide a combined capacity for 80,000 bird places.

Site 7 consists of 4 poultry houses which are of timber construction with tin roof sheets built in the 1990s. This is a new installation consisting of an existing farm now operating over the EPR threshold of 40,000 broiler places.

The housing is constructed using insulated timber panels. The ventilation is side inlet and with ridge extract fans with hot weather gable fans. All houses are fitted with pan feeders, nipple drinkers with drip trays and hot water heating. The environment is controlled by a Whaler's control panel which delivers heat, cooling and humidity in relation to bird age and weather conditions.

Chicks would be supplied to the installation from an off-site hatchery source; these chicks are then placed into clean warm poultry houses with litter bedding on the floor to a minimum level of 20mm.

Litter is kept loose and friable with steps taken as to rectify any changes to the quality of the litter. The birds are grown for approximately 40 days in an electronically controlled environment.

The feed is composed of high quality raw materials, and is nutritionally tailored to the broiler's requirements. Protein and Phosphorous reduced throughout the diet over the approximate 40 day cycle

Heating for the poultry houses is provided by a total of three biomass boilers. An emergency backup is provided by internally mounted heaters. The biomass boilers are regularly serviced and electronically temperature controlled.

The generator is on a bi-annual service contract and is only used as an emergency backup should the mains fail.

There are two other Conservation Sites (Local Wildlife Sites) within the relevant screening distances of the installation. There are no European Sites, Ramsar Sites or Sites of Special Scientific Interest within relevant screening distances.

We have reviewed the permit for this installation against the revised BAT Conclusions in the Intensive Farming BAT conclusions document dated February 2017. The permit conditions and schedules ensure the compliance of this installation with this BAT conclusions document. This permit implements the requirements of the European Union Directive on Industrial Emissions.

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

Status log of the permit		
Description	Date	Comments
Application EPR/UP3231YH/A001	Duly made 05/04/18	Application for an intensive farming poultry installation permit.
Additional information received	16/04/18 and 01/05/18	Confirmation of BAT compliance and revised Odour Management Plan.
Permit determined EPR/UP3231YH (Billing reference: PAS reference UP3231YH)	24/05/18	Permit issued to H.M. Venn & Sons Limited

End of introductory note

Permit

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Permit number

EPR/UP3231YH

The Environment Agency hereby authorises, under regulation 13 of the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016

H.M. Venn & Sons Limited (“the operator”),

whose registered office is

**Glen Garry Poultry Farm
Fen Road
Ruskington
Sleaford
Lincs
NG34 9TH**

company registration number **1692683**

to operate an installation at

**Site 7
Fen Road
Ruskington
Sleaford
Lincs
NG34 9TH**

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

Name	Date
Anne Nightingale	24/05/18

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, so far as is reasonably practicable, including those risks 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 the permit.

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) maintain records of fuel and energy consumption used in the activities;

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; and
- (b) maintain records of raw materials and water used in the activities;

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

1.4.1 The operator shall take appropriate measures to ensure that the waste hierarchy referred to in Article 4 of the Waste Framework Directive is applied to the generation of waste by the activities and that;

- (a) 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
- (b) where disposal is necessary, this is undertaken in a manner which minimises its impact on the environment.

2 Operations

2.1 Permitted activities

2.1.1 The only activity (*activities*) authorised by the permit is (*are*) the activity (*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 The operator shall ensure that a diet formulation and nutritional strategy is used to reduce the total nitrogen and total phosphorous excreted.

2.3.5 The operator shall take appropriate measures in disposal or recovery of solid manure or slurry to prevent, or where this is not practicable, to minimise pollution.

2.3.6 Any raw materials or fuels listed in schedule 2 table S2.1 shall conform to the specifications set out in that table.

2.3.7 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.

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 specified in table S3.1, 3.2 and 3.3.

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 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 The operator shall:
- (a) if notified by the Environment Agency that the activities are giving rise to pollution, submit to the Environment Agency for approval within the period specified, an emissions management plan which identifies and minimises the risks of pollution from emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits; and
 - (b) implement the approved emissions management plan, from the date of approval, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.
- 3.2.3 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; and
 - (b) process monitoring specified in table S3.3.
- 3.5.2 The operator shall maintain records of all monitoring required by this permit including records of the taking and analysis of samples, instrument measurements (periodic and continual), calibrations, examinations, tests and surveys and any assessment or evaluation made on the basis of such data.
- 3.5.3 Monitoring equipment, techniques, personnel and organisations employed for the emissions monitoring programme and the environmental or other monitoring specified in condition 3.5.1 shall have either MCERTS certification or MCERTS accreditation (as appropriate), where available, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.

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; and
 - (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 schedules 3, 4 and 5 to 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 maintain convenient access, in either electronic or hard copy, to the records, plans and management system required to be maintained by this permit.

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 For the following activities referenced in schedule 1, table S1.1 a report or reports on the performance of the activities over the previous year shall be submitted to the Environment Agency by 31 January (or other date agreed in writing by the Environment Agency) each year. The report(s) shall include as a minimum:
- (a) a review of the results of the monitoring and assessment carried out in accordance with the permit including an interpretive review of that data.
- 4.2.3 Within 28 days of the end of the reporting period the operator shall, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency, submit reports of the monitoring and assessment carried out in accordance with the conditions of this permit, as follows:
- (a) in respect of the parameters and emission points specified in schedule 4 table S4.1;
 - (b) for the reporting periods specified in schedule 4 table S4.1 and using the forms specified in schedule 4 table S4.2; and
 - (c) giving the information from such results and assessments as may be required by the forms specified in those tables.

- 4.2.4 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; and
- (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 [(a)(i), or 4.3.1 (b)(i) where the information relates to the breach of a limit specified in the permit,] 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:

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

In any other case:

- (e) the death of any of the named operators (where the operator consists of more than one named individual);
- (f) any change in the operator's name(s) or address(es); and
- (g) 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

Table S1.1 activities		
Activity listed in Schedule 1 of the EP Regulations	Description of specified activity	Limits of specified activity
Section 6.9 A(1)(a)(i) Rearing of poultry intensively in an installation with more than 40,000 places	The rearing of poultry in a facility with a capacity for 80,000 broiler places.	From receipt of birds, raw materials and fuels onto the site to removal of birds and associated wastes from site.
Directly Associated Activity	Description of specified activity	Limits of specified activity
Biomass boiler	Operation of 3 biomass boilers with an aggregated thermal rated input not exceeding 0.763 MWth, for site heating requirements, burning biomass fuel not comprising waste or animal carcasses.	From receipt of raw materials and fuels, to release of combustion products to air and associated wastes removed from site.

Table S1.2 Operating techniques		
Description	Parts	Date Received
Application EPR/UP3231YH/A001	Responses to Parts B2 and B3 or B3.5 (or C2 and C3 or C3.5 for variations) of the application form and referenced supporting documentation plus all duly made responses.	Duly made 05/04/18
Additional information requested 10/04/18	Response to Request for Information confirming BAT Compliance and final Odour Management Plan	16/04/18 and 01/05/18

Schedule 2 – Waste types, raw materials and fuels

Table S2.1 Raw materials and fuels	
Raw materials and fuel description	Specification
Fuel for biomass boiler units	Biomass chips or pellets comprising virgin timber, straw, miscanthus;

Schedule 3 – Emissions and monitoring

Table S3.1 Point source emissions to air – emission limits and monitoring requirements						
Emission point ref. & location	Source	Parameter	Limit (including unit)	Reference Period	Monitoring frequency	Monitoring standard or method
A1 Roof fan outlets on poultry houses 1 to 4 shown on the site plan as shown on the site plan in schedule 7	Poultry houses 1 to 4	---	---	---	---	---
A2 Gable end fan outlets on poultry houses 1 to 4 as shown on the site plan in schedule 7	Poultry houses 1 to 4	---	---	---	---	---
A3 Exhaust from standby generator as shown on the site drainage plan reference in application EPR/UP3231YH/A001	Standby Generator	---	---	---	---	---
A4 Vent from oil tank as shown on the site drainage plan reference in application EPR/UP3231YH/A001	Diesel tank	---	---	---	---	---
A5 Emissions from 3 biomass boiler(s) as shown on the site drainage plan in EPR/UP3231YH/A001	Three Biomass Boilers with aggregated thermal input of 0.763MW.	---	---	---	---	---

Table S3.2 Point Source emissions to water (other than sewer) and land – emission limits and monitoring requirements						
Emission point ref. & location	Source	Parameter	Limit (incl. unit)	Reference Period	Monitoring frequency	Monitoring standard or method
L1 French drains acting as soakaways as indicated on the drainage plan dated 16/04/18 in application EPR/HP3531YL/A001	Roof water and lightly contaminated yard from poultry houses 1 to 4.	---	---	---	---	---
W1 Surface water discharge to the north of the installation as indicated on the drainage plan dated 16/04/18 in application. Final discharge to Car Dyke.	Roof water and lightly contaminated yard from poultry houses 1 to 4.	---	---	---	---	---

Table S3.3 Process monitoring requirements					
Emission point reference or source or description of point of measurement	Parameter	Limit (incl. Unit)	Monitoring frequency	Monitoring standard or method	Other specifications
Broilers in houses 1 to 4	kg N excreted/animal place/year	0.6 kg N/animal place/year	Annually	Estimation by using manure analysis for total nitrogen content	
	kg P ₂ O ₅ excreted/animal place/year	0.25 kg P ₂ O ₅ animal place/year	Annually	Estimation by using manure analysis for total phosphorus content	
Broilers in houses 1 to 4	kg NH ₃ /animal place/year	0.08 kg NH ₃ /animal place/year	Annually	Estimation using emission factors	
Broilers in houses 1 to 4	Dust	n/a	Annually	Estimation using emission factors	

Schedule 4 – Reporting

Parameter	Emission or monitoring point/reference	Reporting period	Period begins
Process monitoring Parameters as required by condition 3.5.1	-	Every 12 months	1 January

Media/parameter	Reporting format	Date of form
kg NH ₃ /animal place/year	Form Process Monitoring 1 or other form as agreed in writing by the Environment Agency	24/05/18
kg N excreted/animal place/year & kg P ₂ O ₅ excreted/animal place/year	Form Process Monitoring 1 or other form as agreed in writing by the Environment Agency	24/05/18
Dust atmospheric mass emission	Form Process Monitoring 1 or other form as agreed in writing by the Environment Agency	24/05/18

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	
Name of operator	
Location of Facility	
Time and date of the detection	

(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	
To be notified within 24 hours of detection	
Date and time of the event	

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

Time periods for notification following detection of a breach of a limit	
Parameter	Notification period

(c) Notification requirements for the detection of any significant adverse environmental effect	
To be notified within 24 hours of detection	
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 2016 No.1154 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.

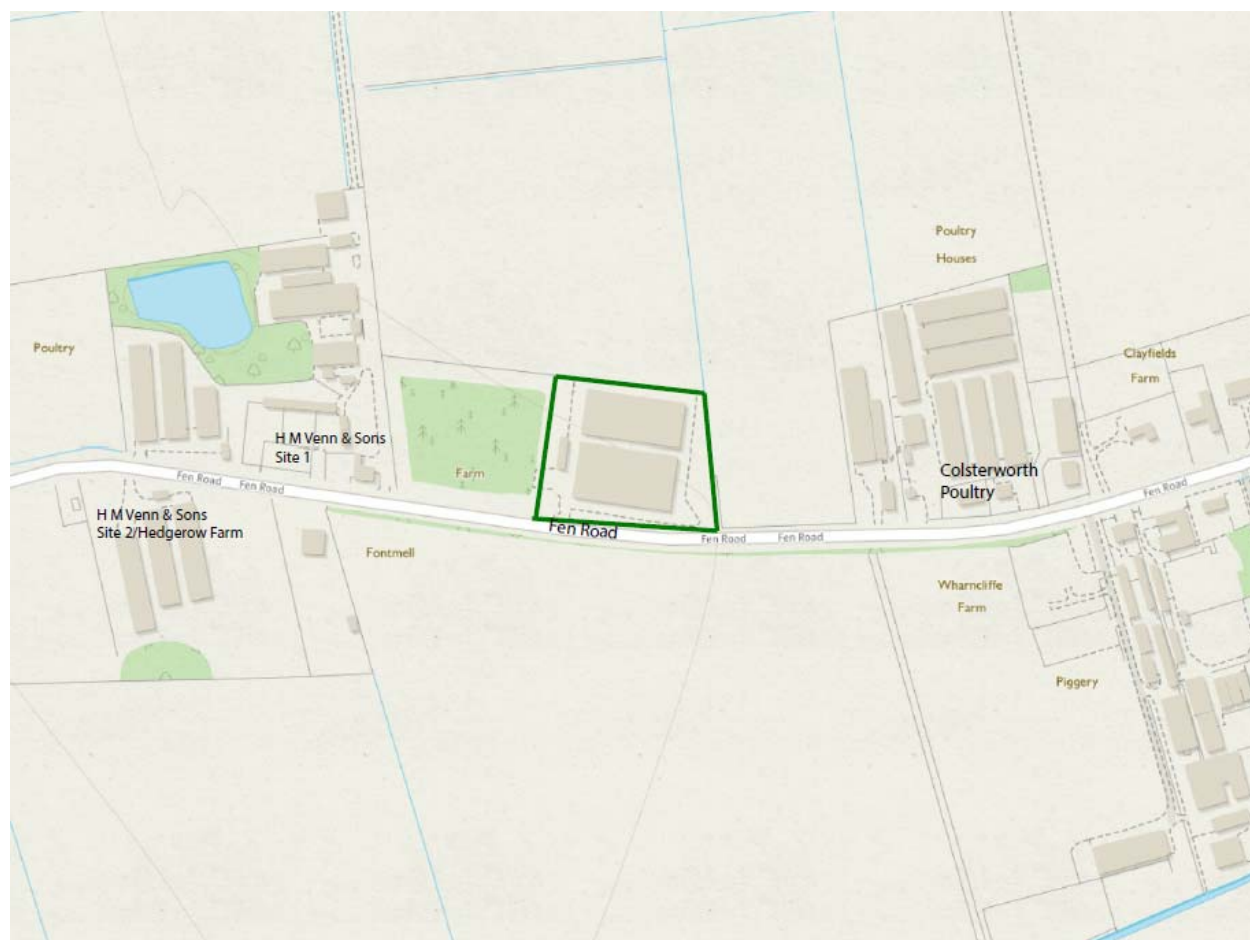
'Waste code' means the six digit code referable to a type of waste in accordance with the List of Wastes and in relation to hazardous waste, includes the asterisk

"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

Site plan - showing installation boundary as referred to in condition 2.2.1.



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