

Permitting decisions- Surrender

We have decided to accept the surrender of the permit for **Hall Farm Pig Unit** operated by **Edward Spratt, John Spratt and Jean Spratt (trading as J E Spratt)**.

The permit number is **EPR/UP3431MS/S003**

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 this decision that 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 decisions considerations section to show how all relevant factors have been taken into account

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Key issues of the decision

This is a pig farm which for many years has been operating under the EPR thresholds for installations for production pigs (2000) and sows (750).

The site has confirmed they will continue with pig numbers below these thresholds and hence has applied for a full surrender. The farm will no longer be under EPR regulations but will continue as a small family farm operating with pig numbers under the relevant thresholds. The operator has provided detailed pig numbers within their surrender application to justify this.

Our site inspector visit 22/06/22 confirmed pig numbers are under the EPR thresholds.

Decision considerations

Confidential information

A claim for commercial or industrial confidentiality has not been made.

The decision was taken in accordance with our guidance on confidentiality.

Identifying confidential information

We have not identified information provided as part of the application that we consider to be confidential.

The decision was taken in accordance with our guidance on confidentiality.

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, having regard to the state of the site before the facility was put into operation.

Growth duty

We have considered our duty to have regard to the desirability of promoting economic growth set out in section 108(1) of the Deregulation Act 2015 and the guidance issued under section 110 of that Act in deciding whether to accept this permit surrender.