

## Permitting decisions- Surrender

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We have decided to accept the surrender of the permit for **Stourton Barton Poultry Unit** operated by **Mr Colin William Hutchings (trading as W E Hutchings)**

The permit number is **EPR/RP3132MR**

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 installation is an intensive farm poultry unit installation. The application is for a full surrender.

#### Conclusion

We have reviewed the surrender application and noted that the farm has been mothballed since summer 2021 and no poultry have been brought on site during this period.

We have confirmed with our local area team that this is a low risk surrender and site is clean in an acceptable condition to surrender.

**Hence overall the installation considered in a satisfactory state to allow permit surrender.**

### 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.