

Permitting decisions- Surrender

We have decided to accept the surrender of the permit for **Chelmsford Poultry Unit** operated by **Hook 2 Sisters Limited**

The permit number is **EPR/AP3636WX/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

Read the permitting decisions in conjunction with the environmental permit

Key issues of the decision

Background

The installation is a poultry intensive farm facility.

This application was initially for a partial surrender. Proposal was for two of the three farms within installation to be surrender and single farm Niagara to be retained.

The installation needed sufficient upgrade and refurbishment to return to a satisfactory standard.

After a review of the financial implications of refurbishing Niagara farm to a satisfactory standard to allow operation under the EPR permit, the operator decided to apply for a full surrender. This decision was confirmed in an applicant response dated 24/04/24

The operator has confirmed that they ceased operations at all of the three farms within the installation by September 2023. Our officer has confirmed full clear out and cleaning of site completed by the time of his visit to the installation dated November 2023.

Our local area officer has confirmed this is a low risk surrender and that land is in a satisfactory condition to 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.