

Permitting decisions - Surrender

We have decided to accept the surrender of the permit for Northgate Farm Poultry Unit operated by RJ & JM Bowen Ltd.

The permit number is EPR/ZP3007SN.

The decision was issued on 08/10/2024.

We are satisfied that there has been no pollution risk and that the site is in 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

Key issues of the decision

Our local site officer has confirmed that the operator has never obtained the necessary planning permission to expand the poultry unit and so the poultry unit has never been operated above the permitting threshold. This has been confirmed by the operator, in an email dated 02/10/2024.

The operator is now surrendering their permit but will continue to operate the poultry unit below the permitting threshold. Our local site officer has confirmed this is a low-risk surrender and that there are no potential environmental risks in relation to the surrender.

Decision considerations

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.

Pollution risk

We are satisfied that there has been no pollution risk as the regulated site has never been put into operation.

Satisfactory state

We are satisfied that measures have not been needed to return the site of the regulated facility to a satisfactory state as the facility has never been 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.