

## Permitting decisions- Surrender

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We have decided to accept the surrender of the permit for Berryfields Farm Pig Unit by Chris Barber Limited.

The permit number is EPR/TP3939UF.

The decision was issued on 03/02/2025.

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 summarises the decision-making process to show how the main relevant factors have been taken into account.

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- 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

- The permit is being surrendered in full however the farm is operating still under IED threshold of 750 sows. The operator has confirmed they will no longer be operating above the threshold and therefore the permit is no longer required (see email confirmation dated 13/01/25).
- The Operator has confirmed the site was fully decommissioned on 01/02/21 and is suitable for surrender (see email confirmation dated 20/01/25). The 'Site Decommissioning Information' document confirms all superfluous buildings have been emptied and cleaned and all dirty water has been exported off site. Any remaining buildings are used to house the under threshold pigs and machinery/storage.

- The local Environment Officer has confirmed the site is considered low risk and is satisfied that the condition of the installation is acceptable to be surrendered.

## **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.