

Permitting decisions- Surrender

We have decided to accept the surrender of the permit for **Oakfield Poultry Farm** operated by **Mr Howard Scruse**

The permit number is **EPR/NP3337MU**

The decision was issued on **05/09/25**

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

Key issues of the decision

- **The permit is being surrendered in full.**
- The installation has not had poultry places since 2016 when there was a fire within the installation
- After 2016 a request for planning permission to rebuild the site was rejected
- The site fire destroyed the buildings. The specifics of the aftermath of the fire are outlined below.

The infrastructure for both sheds was destroyed in the fire apart from the concrete base. The corrugated steel roof was recovered and taken to the local scrap metal site. The burnt remains of the wooden sheds were disposed of at Squab wood land fill site near Downton, Romsey (since closed.) At the time of the fire the sheds had no stock but were preparing for next crop. The site had no chemical store as the clean down process was carried out by contractors who used their own cleaning agents

- A site visit in May 2025, by the Environment Agency local Environment Officer confirmed the status of the installation.
- 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.

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 surrender.