

Mr Jon Smith
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Our ref: EPR/UP3330RL/V003

Your ref:

Date: 01 December 2021

Dear Mr Smith

Your environmental permitting application is considered high public interest

Application reference: EPR/UP3330RL/V003

Applicant: Mr Jon Smith, Mrs Josephine Smith & Mr Thomas Smith

Facility: Astmans Farm Poultry Unit

I'm writing to let you know that we consider your application to be of high public interest. We consider your application to be of high public interest because:

- Since the site became operational in spring 2020, we have received a number of odour complaints during each crop. This variation application is to add an additional two poultry sheds at the installation and double the number of bird places, from 100,000 to 200,000 broilers. It is expected that the application for permit variation will generate an increase in public comment and a need for increased engagement with the local community.

If you do not consider your application to be of high public interest, you should discuss this with us at the earliest opportunity.

This will involve additional work including extra consultation with the public on your application. We will need to charge for costs we incur that are not covered by the application charge on a time and materials basis. We will charge £100 an hour. You must pay these extra charges before your application is determined.

We will not seek these extra charges until we begin to incur costs over and above the application charge received. We will be in touch with you throughout the determination process and will keep you updated on when we think we will need to move to extra charging. Once we move to time and materials charging we will send you invoices regularly. We will also send you an estimate of the costs likely to be incurred in the next month.

If you do not pay these charges promptly this will result in a delay to your determination and could result in the application being refused.

You can find further information on charging, including when time and materials charges apply, in our environmental permitting charges guidance at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environmental-permitting-charges-guidance>

and in our charging scheme at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environmental-permitting-ep-charges-scheme>

Because your application is of high public interest, this will mean the time it takes us to reach a decision is likely to be longer. We will keep you updated about how long we think it will take to complete the determination.

We explain more about high public interest sites and public consultation in our guidance environmental permits: when and how we consult:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environmental-permits-when-and-how-we-consult/environmental-permits-when-and-how-we-consult>

If you no longer wish to continue with your application, you can withdraw your application by contacting us in writing. We will retain 20% of your application charge to cover our costs up to this point. If you are considering this you should discuss this with us as soon as possible.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please call me on 07721 117199. Alternatively, please email me at: kate.wray@environment-agency.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

Kate

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