**Dust Management Plan**

**Hergest Camp Farm Poultry Unit**

Hergest Camp Farm operations have sensitive receptors within 100m of the site boundary.

The table below lists receptors within 100m of the boundary

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Receptor Name | Description | Distance | Orientation | National Grid Reference |
| Staff cottage 1 | Staff Dwelling |  24m | South | 327568,254570 |
| Commercial | Commercial | 28m | East | 327750,254604 |
| Commercial | Commercial | 95m | East | 327811,254643 |
| Commercial | Commercial | 30m | East | 327754,254677 |
| Commercial | Ridgeview Ind Est Units 1-6 | 28m (nearest) | East | 327750,254604 |
| Commercial | Commercial |  25m | East | 327738,254654 |
| Commercial | Commercial | 42m | East | 327751,254643 |
| Commercial | Commercial | 18m | East | 327696,254567 |
| Commercial | Commercial | 61m | East | 327781,254658 |
| Commercial | Commercial | 60m | East | 327767,254637 |

The main possible dust sources/operations are listed below:

1. Feed Deliveries
2. Feeding Systems
3. Bedding
4. Litter management
5. Stock inspections
6. Ventilation
7. Clean out Operations
8. Bird numbers

 A table listing these sources with measures to control/reduce dust emissions is listed below.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Source** | **Method** | **Reduction Technique** | **Implementation** |
| Feed | Feed delivery to SilosFeed millingFeed IngredientsFeed delivery systemFeed spillages | Vents from silos covered to prevent release to atmosphereNo milling undertakenOil coating on pelletSome use of maize within dietsSealed pipe delivery into poultry houses, free fall of feed into hoppers minimised by covers on hoppers, pan feeding system on timed feeding preventing over feedingAny feed spills cleared up immediately. | In placeN/ALimited as not in operator controlIn placeContinuous to prevent dust or potential contamination of water course |
| Bedding | Bedding Type | Use of dust extracted shavings | In place |
|  | Bedding depthBedding application | Sufficient layer to absorb moisture produced during crop cycleBase layer spread inside houses with minimum ventilation running, top up bedding in sealed plastic bales | In placeIn place |
| Litter Management | Excessive dry litter | Computer controlled environment | Relative humidity controlled between 55 and 65% keeping balance between dust and odour production |
| Stock inspections | Increased bird activity | Stock inspections by trained personnel | Light levels reduced to prevent birds panicking and reduced stress |
| Ventilation | Ventilation Type | Use roof extraction fans on houses 1 -6 | In place on all houses increasing dispersion/concentration |
| House Cleaning | Dust production during de littering/cleaning operations | No double handling of litter, trailers parked close to doors, litter tipped carefully into trailers, trailers sheeted prior to leaving site.Exhaust vents washed under low pressure during cleaning process to minimise both release of dust to atmosphere and escape of contaminated water | In place/continuousIn place/continuous |
| Bird numbers | Stocking Density | Stocking rate determined by integrator | N/A |

**Plan completed March 2023**

**Complaints Procedure**

In the event of a complaint being received a complaint form would be completed and held on site. An investigation would be implemented to identify the cause of the release and actions taken to cease the release. Actions taken would be documented and the area/source of the complaint would be visited to ensure the effectiveness of actions taken.

Area officer would be notified at the earliest opportunity, and a review of the DMP conducted, with any changes communicated to area officer.

**Dust** **Complaint** **Form**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Installation Name | Date Recorded | Reference Number |
| Name and Address of caller: |  |
| Tel. No. of caller |  |
| Location of caller in relation to Installation  |  |
| Time and Date of complaint |  |
| Date, Time and duration ofOffending dust issue |  |
| Callers description of dust issue |  |
| Has the caller any other Comments about the dust?  |  |
| Weather conditions |  |
| Wind strength and direction |  |
| Any previous complaints Relating to this dust issue? |  |
| Any other relevant information |  |
| Potential dust sources that could give rise to the complaint  |  |
| Operating conditions at thetime offending dust issue occurred  |  |
| Follow upDate and time caller contacted |  |
| Action taken |  |
| Amendment requirement toDust Management Plan  |  |
| Form completed by |  | Signed |  |

Plan to be reviewed every four years or following a substantiated complaint, with Area officer being notified of any changes for approval.

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