**Non Technical Summary**

Hill House Farm poultry unit will have a permit to rear 95,000 broilers in 3 poultry houses, houses are to be heated by GHS (Closed Loop) with LPG backup.

Birds will be housed at day old and 30% thinned at around thirty-two days of age with de population at around 38 days of age with approximately seven days empty, which will give approximately 7.5 cycles per annum, this will be done on an all-out all-in basis.

Before bird arrival the houses will be pre-warmed by Ground Heat Source blown air heaters with LPG heaters as a backup. Floors will be covered with a layer of bulk wood shavings. Temperature and humidity will be computer controlled and closely monitored on a daily basis to achieve a target level of 21º C post brooding and a relative humidity of 55-60%, this should achieve litter with a high dry matter content which is important to minimising emissions. Ventilation is controlled by a negative pressure system using high velocity roof mounted extraction fans on all houses, with a release height of 5.5m.. Water is via a nipple drinking system fitted with cups to reduce leakage and spills leading to drier litter.

Birds will be fed a minimum of three diets during their growth, with gradually reducing levels of protein and phosphorous as bird age increases.

Feed is delivered from a UKAS accredited feed mill and blown into bulk feed bins situated at the middles of the houses, from the feed bins the feed is augered into the houses and distributed to the birds via a pan feeding system.

At depletion the litter will be removed from the site and used on operator controlled land as fertiliser. The farm will then be pressure washed disinfected, dried out prior to the cycle beginning again.

Fallen stock during the production cycle will be collected and recorded daily. These will be collected by a licensed collection agent.

The above measures are designed to reduce emissions, trees and hedges will trap dust particles reducing odour. Ammonia emissions will be reduced by reduced protein feed, maintaining good litter conditions with a high dry matter content. Containment of wash waters will prevent pollutants being released to the environment.

Records of tonnages of litter and wash water exported off site are recorded.