

Appendix 2: Non Technical Summary (Cedarwood Farm)

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Non-Technical Summary

Fresh Ltd is a limited company and has been established since 2001. Cedarwood Farm is a new development, previously arable land, on which planning permission has been granted for two free range poultry laying houses, referred to House 1 and House 2.

Birds are brought into Cedarwood Farm Farm from the rearing site at 16-weeks old. The birds are contained inside the houses for up to five weeks before being permitted to range around the fenced grasses area. The birds are de-populated at approximately 76-weeks. The houses are empty for approximately 4- weeks in order for the clean down operation to be carried out before a new flock is introduced.

The houses are constructed of a galvanised steel framework with polyester coated galvanised steel sheeting walls. The roofing is insulated with polystyrene and fibreglass material. The houses are a multi-tier system with a concrete floor. Ventilation is predominantly ridge fans with secondary gable end extraction fans which would only be used in extremely hot weather. Roof drainage is through a 'French drainage' system.

Water is supplied to the houses via nipple drinkers with an anti-drip cup. Water usage is monitored daily by the use of water meters. This, together with environmental computer control in the houses helps to maintain a consistent environment and hence reduces ammonia levels and odours. Low energy lighting systems are achieved with the use of both fluorescent and LED lighting throughout the site

Prior to the arrival of the birds, the concrete floor is bedded up with wood shavings. There is no form of artificial heating in the houses.

Eggs are collected via conveyor system daily and placed into keyes trays before being stacked on pallets for transfer to the Packing Centre for supply to customers

Wheat which is grown at Carr Farm is milled by the Company's feed mill at Carr Farm. The company also purchases other ingredients to complete the diets. Diets are formulated according to best practice as well as to suit the birds' requirements and stage of growth. Milled feed is transported to Greenacre Farm in a sealed bulker unit and stored onsite in fully enclosed purpose built holding bins.

The poultry houses are a combination of belt-clean and end of cycle muck-out. The belt-clean is run twice per week and emptied into a dedicated trailer which is immediately removed from site and exported for use on arable land. The end of cycle muck-out is carried out by a small mechanical loading shovel tipping the manure into trailers before being exported to surrounding farms and spread on arable land. After the manure is removed the clean-down operation commences. Chemical used for cleaning down and footbaths are kept in the chemical store. The chemical store is secure, frost and fire resistant and capable of retaining spillage. Spent disinfectants from footbaths are disposed of according to requirements of SGN EPR6.09.

Bird mortalities are removed immediately from the houses and placed in an internally located locked freezer. The contents are removed weekly and taken to Carr Farm to be incinerated immediately.