



*Boarcross Ltd*

# Non-Technical Summary

## Carricks Farm, Coniston

Carricks Farm is owned by a small family company, Foxtan Farmers and is currently not permitted. There are 2000 30-120kg pigs on site: this shed was built in 2019 to the highest specification for pig finishing. We are hoping to put planning in for an additional 4000 finishing pigs: 2000 in 2021 and 2000 in 2022. We are also applying to have an incinerator on the site to dispose of the fallen stock.

The pigs are currently from two sources: Braemar Hill Farm HU12 9BX and Ling Farm, YO25 3DS. They stay on site for an average of 18 weeks (three cycles a year).

There is no public access through the yard. There are no SSSI's in close proximity of the farm: the farm is in a NVZ. It is on the clasp of two targets: lower spatial woodland water quality and medium priority Countryside Stewardship Water Quality Priority. The nearest dwelling is over 1km away,

Electricity is mainly provided by our supplier, E-On, and there is currently no renewable energy systems on site. Water is sourced from Yorkshire water and consumption is recorded. There is a borehole that is used. There is a two types of water available to the pigs: nipples with bowls and nipples under the feed hoppers.

Biocides are stored in locked container and waste, and used products, are mixed with slurry. Round up is the only pesticide used, it is stored in a locked container and applied twice during the summer by qualified personnel. Diesel is supplied by AMK fuels and stored in impermeable, banded containers.

There is no muck but the slurry is stored on site- under the slats. This current shed is a shuttered concrete slurry pit that holds 9 months slurry: the new shed is hoping to have the same. Slurry is removed every 12 weeks to ensure the depth doesn't exceed 800mm and is taken to our slurry bag (7000 m3) at Braemar Hill farm , which is 8.9 miles away. We plan on applying to store slurry on some of the local land within the next 2 years in a fixed slurry store. There is arable land attached to this farm and the slurry is removed (completely emptied) twice annually. Roof water is not currently collected but this is being looked at.

The current site is split in to two sheds- each has four roof fans and automatic inlets. A stocking rate in line with the industry guidelines, Red Tractor standards, is never exceeded and seen as an absolute maximum. There are three systems in place. Pigs are kept to an average of 90kgs after 18 weeks on site (coming in at 30kg average). The finished pigs travel to Preston (8miles) to Cranswick abattoir.

The principal emissions from the unit include ammonia and minimal dust. The measures set out above are aimed to reduce the production and thus emission of ammonia, odours and dust from the sheds, and so reduce the environmental impact. The fans prevent rainwater from entering the buildings.

Each shed has its own feed which is blown in by tractor and trailer. Balanced diets are designed by Harbro and mixed at Manor Farm, Coniston (2miles away), with diets formulated with optimum protein levels and fed in controlled quantities to match the requirements of the pig age: there are three diets according to age. Each shed has its own bin and all rations are blown directly into hoppers where it is stored. Feed is moved through buildings in augers. Any food spillage is immediately removed.

All carcasses are stored in a sealed container and are then removed off site by a contractor, A Hughes and Son. He visits weekly and is met on the drive for transfer. We are applying for an incinerator also- this will mean carcasses can be disposed of weekly,

There is a herd health plan that is monitored and supplied by the Garth Vet and the whole site is Red Tractor assured. All incidents are reported in a management diary.