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Dear Stephen Raasch

Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016

Application reference: EPR/DP3447QS/V004

Operator: CROWN CHICKEN LIMITED

Facility: Lower Barn Poultry Unit EPR/EP3204SE, Thetford Road, Diss, IP22 2SP

Thank you for your application received on 30/07/2026.

We need to ask you for some missing information before we can do any more work on your application. Please provide us with more information to the following questions:

Site drainage layout plan.

Please submit a revised site drainage layout plan that addresses the following:

- Please clarify whether there is one generator or two generators present on site. The site drainage layout plan key references two generators. The standby generator document also states that two standby generators are present. However, the current permit references a single generator. If an additional generator is proposed as part of this variation, please ensure this is included in the proposed changes described within the Non-Technical Summary and application form.
- Please include a key for the attenuation ponds.

Noise management plan (NMP)

Submit a revised NMP in accordance with Appendix 5 of guidance [IPPC Technical Guidance Note](#) addressing the following points:

- Change the operator name from Gooderham Farms Ltd to Crown Chicken Limited.
- Review and update the list of sensitive receptors to ensure it is consistent with the sensitive receptor list provided in the Odour Management Plan (OMP).

Site Condition Report (SCR)

Submit a revised Site Condition Report addressing the following points:

- As there is usage of chemicals e.g. sulphuric acid in the abatement system the SCR needs to be updated with measures to minimise risk of groundwater and land contamination from such sources as bulk chemical storage and transfer pipework.

Site Closure Plan (SCP)

Submit a revised Site Closure Plan addressing the following point:

- Change the operator name from Devonshire Poultry Ltd to Crown Chicken Limited and the site name from Oakstone Farm Poultry Unit to Lower Barn Poultry Unit.

Ammonia Modelling Report

Please provide a revised ammonia modelling report to address the following:

- Please clarify the height and efflux velocity of the high velocity (HV) ridge fans for existing and proposed housing.

Note: The modelling report states that the HV ridge fans have a height of 5.411 m, which is lower than that specified in the current permit and pre-application assessment and falls within the medium velocity ventilation category. In addition, no fan efflux velocity has been provided. Technical standards document refers to HV roof fans with 5.5m release height.

- The modelling report was commissioned by Harrison Pitt Ltd on behalf of BJ & PM Gooderham. However, the permit was transferred from Gooderham Farms Limited to Crown Chicken Limited on 01/07/2022. Please clarify this discrepancy and confirm that the assessment relates to the current permit holder, Crown Chicken Limited.
- Ensure airflow through scrubber is accurate and consistent throughout the application and modelling and can be justified from DLG certification for Lavamatic unit for broilers.

Note: there appears to be inconsistency in the airflow m³/hour numbers in the DLG test report 7561 for broiler chickens (110,000 m³/h) compared to the modelling report (120,000 m³/h).

- Based on broiler air flow requirement of 4.5 m³/hr/kg live broiler weight, please clarify total max air flow required and justify the statement that 95% of the airflow passes through the scrubber and 5% through the bypass as stated on page 13 of the modelling report.
- Please use actual emission concentration from DLG report with justification for value used and update modelling report for proposal with relevant input and revised output modelled PCs.
- In accordance with the guidance, [Environmental permitting: air dispersion modelling reports - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/environmental-permitting-air-dispersion-modelling-reports), please submit the data input files for the ammonia modelling.

Best available techniques (BAT)

Submit a revised BAT document confirming the following:

- Please summarise which BAT 32 option applies to the installation and identify which of the air cleaning techniques listed under BAT 32 apply. Please reply directly to this email with your information and copy me in.

You must send us the information by 07/09/2026.

If we do not receive this by this deadline we will return your application.

If we receive what is missing by the deadline, we will continue to check your application. We'll check to see if there's enough information for the application to be 'duly made'. Duly made means that we have all the information we need to begin determination. Determination is where we assess your application and decide if we can allow what you've asked for.

We'll let you know by email whether your application can be duly made. If it can't be duly made, we'll return your application to you.

If we do have to return your application we'll send you a partial refund of your application payment. We'll retain 20% of the correct application charge to cover our costs in reviewing your application. This maximum amount we'll retain is capped at £1,673.78. Further information on charging can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environmental-permits-and-abstraction-licences-tables-of-charges>

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Please feel free to contact me using the details below if you have any questions.

Kind regards,
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