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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** EPR/XP3632QE/V003 We Need More Information About Your Application - Confirmation of Extended Deadline Date for NDM Response  
**Date:** 11 June 2024 08:43:00  
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Hi [REDACTED]

As discussed, this is an email to follow up our phone conversation of 10/06/2024.

As agreed, the extended deadline date for the not duly made request for further information response is **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024**. This is the final deadline in which responses will need to be submitted. However, as we discussed, you can submit responses earlier than this date and we will begin to review the revised information as part of the duly making stage in advance of this date.

In response to Redmore's question:

*Can you please ask the EA why they have requested no reduction in emissions due to manure storage in a building in comparison to storage in open air which the emission rate applies to? Just so we can better understand their justification for the position. Thank you.*

The emission factor for manure heaps (1.49 kg NH<sub>3</sub> / tonne fresh manure) does not differentiate between covered and uncovered stores and therefore this emission factor will need to be used in the revised detailed ammonia modelling for any manure stored within the installation boundary.

Following our call, I also discussed the request for an options appraisal on the proposed housing on Feltwell Farm with a senior colleague. The proposal submitted advises that the pig housing on Feltwell Farm will be fitted with gale-breaker curtains, however, the Environment Agency has experienced a high number of odour complaints from nearby residents to another intensive pig farm that uses this type of ventilation. Feltwell Farm has a number of sensitive receptors in close proximity to the installation boundary and therefore, based on the Environment Agency's experience of regulating other farms with this type of ventilation, we ask that you review the proposed housing design to consider alternative forms of ventilation other than gale-breaker curtains that would minimise odorous emissions impacting the nearby sensitive receptors. Specifically, the options should focus on alternative proposals rather than the use of gale-breaker curtains that would allow for control of exhaust air flows from the pig houses to minimise odorous emissions impacting the nearby sensitive receptors and ensure the welfare of the pigs.

Any further questions or queries then please do let either myself or [REDACTED] now.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 5, 2024 1:12 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: EPR/XP3632QE/V003 We Need More Information About Your Application

Hi [REDACTED]

Not able to provide a specific date yet... Have received useful comment from Redmore Environmental on the proposed inputs into modelling for existing permitted scenario, but more information is required from the operator. Specifically:-

- Likely distribution of pigs inside houses following on from the permitted pig numbers supplied by EA which are different from our initial understanding.
- What operator plans to do with the slurry lagoons. A+B provide 6 months storage when checked on AHDB slurry wizard. Operator is confident B alone will provide capacity owing to rearing pigs on straw producing FYM not slurry, but I think A might be required to provide capacity for other farms.
- Confirmation on design of the proposed new slurry tank next to new pig houses as regards whether this is to be included in the modelling.
- Waiting on advice/meeting with the operator, otherwise Redmore advise can complete the work in 2 weeks.

Collected nearly all the other information. To be completed:-

- Options appraisal for different housing designs on Feltwell to minimise odour emissions,
- Updated layout and drainage plans for Feltwell. Drafted but pending confirmation on design of

proposed new slurry tank as above.

In addition, technical standards, NMP and OMP for Methwold (Breckland) Fm poultry unit should be updated with issues and controls related to use of mobile macerators for unviable eggs after hatching. Have very recently updated documentation in another variation where mobile macerator as a directly associated activity, but we might do this during determination.

Question from Redmore:-

Can you please ask the EA why they have requested no reduction in emissions due to manure storage in a building in comparison to storage in open air which the emission rate applies to? Just so we can better understand their justification for the position. Thank you.

Kind regards

[Redacted]

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 5, 2024 10:51 AM  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: EPR/XP3632QE/V003 We Need More Information About Your Application

Hi [Redacted]

Thank you for your email below.

Are you able to provide a specific date for our approval that would allow you to submit the revised modelling assessment and all responses to the other additional information requested?

Many thanks,

[Redacted]

Permitting Officer – Installations

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 3, 2024 10:47 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: EPR/XP3632QE/V003 We Need More Information About Your Application

Hi [REDACTED]

Have instructed planning agent and consultant providing the modelling today with the findings for the revised modelling, and hope to hear back soon when this is expected to be completed. Apologies for my typo, confirm the operator is still applying for 14,000 pigs and 870,000 chickens as per application to vary permit and planning permission.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 31, 2024 10:16 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: EPR/XP3632QE/V003 We Need More Information About Your Application

Dear [REDACTED]

Many thanks for your email and the documents attached.

Please note that we undertake a detailed assessment of the ammonia modelling and its inputs during the determination stage, should the application be duly made. Therefore, we would request that you progress with the revised modelling assessment and report, taking into account the revisions you identify in the attached word document, as soon as possible. In addition, in Table 3 of the attached word document, the proposal is for 10,000 production pigs at Feltwell Farm (rather than 14,000) and 850,000 broilers at Methwold Farm (rather than 870,000). As part of your response to the not duly made request for further information, you will need to confirm if this is a change of proposal and submit revised application documents accordingly including clarification of any reduction in housing numbers. If this is a definite change, please confirm that your local council planning submission will also be changed to these revised numbers for consistency.

We note from the below that the estimated timescale for the revised modelling is likely to be 2 weeks from instruction, however, please can you provide a specific date keeping time to a minimum for our approval that would allow you to submit the revised modelling assessment and all responses to the other additional information requested.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 30, 2024 11:00 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Subject:** FW: EPR/XP3632QE/V003 We Need More Information About Your Application

Hi [REDACTED]

Conclusions for the revised modelling report, attached.

Addressed all the points where EA is seeking more information surrounding the modelling, and would appreciate your consideration, feedback and confirmation please before we instruct another consultant to prepare the revised modelling and report. Likely to take approx. 2 weeks from being instructed. Identified animal numbers, housing, slurry lagoons and ammonia emission factors for input into the revised model, and included a brief discussion on the inputs where it might be helpful.

Meanwhile progressing with providing more information for the remaining points not relevant to the ammonia modelling.

Kind regards  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 28, 2024 6:32 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: EPR/XP3632QE/V003 We Need More Information About Your Application

Hi [REDACTED]

Request more time to provide all of the information please.

Hopefully before we look at dates, going to send you tomorrow (Wednesday) conclusions for the revised modelling. Would appreciate your confirmation of all the proposed numbers on livestock, housing and lagoons before commissioning revised modelling by another consultant.

Otherwise collected nearly all the information requested, just need other consultants to revise the modelling and update the plans.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 9, 2024 12:53 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Subject:** FW: EPR/XP3632QE/V003 We Need More Information About Your Application

[REDACTED]  
Good afternoon

I am covering as [REDACTED] not in this week, so will try and answer your questions

Basically, the original permit is GP3130UC attached so we would expect existing baseline to be as that – as no technical changes made to the application  
S1.1 table gives pig numbers – but omits the < 30 kg numbers-please see table in letter for our understanding of those

The production pigs' numbers are as per Table S1.1 – so yes, the total numbers are:

- 20,948 production pig places. Airfield Farm: 4,874 places for pigs. Feltwell Farm: 16,074
- Straw/slatted buildings. The original permit see intro talks of :  
Airfield Farm consists of two pig buildings which have a straw based slurry system.  
Feltwell-mix of straw/slatted buildings. The intro gives building letters with which are straw/which slatted and ventilation details

I have looked but sadly cant find the original permit application building plan referencing all building letter locations.

In schedule 2 of the permit there is a general plan of each of two farms including housing locations, but without precise building references

I suggest you use these to best confirm permitted existing scenario and then confirm if the actual current existing pig numbers/housing types and ventilation are any different for usage as baseline modelling scenario.

In the absence of any original plans then the only other way is to confirm inputs to modelling based on what actually is happening on site today and correct < 30 and >30 kg pig number/housing/housing type/ventilation splits

As per request in attached letter please detail any differences from Table S1.1 and the < 30 kg pigs as per attached table in letter.

I hope this helps in answering your question for duly making responses

If useful give me a ring

Best wishes  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 8, 2024 10:56 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** FW: EPR/XP3632QE/V003 We Need More Information About Your Application  
CRM:0163030

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Hi [REDACTED]

We're checking inputs for modelling for the existing permitted scenario.  
Have some questions around the livestock and housing types based on the table included in the not duly making letter.

1. All the housing types appears to be PSF or FSF or split with PSF/FSF according to the table supplied in the letter. Some houses at Airfield and Feltwell Fm are solid floor – straw system, still in use today, and also described in the introductory note in the permit, so did the applicant apply for any houses with solid floor - straw?
2. Number of animal places in the table appears to have missed off 6,880 places for production pigs >30kg and housing type?

Proving difficult to accurately predict how many places were being provided by operator in each housing type back in 2006. Wayland don't use all the houses today, and we don't have any of the original application supporting information. Would very much appreciate receiving copies of relevant documents used for the existing permit application, specifically those where the applicant described the housing types, livestock type and animal places.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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**From:** SM-Defra-RESP-notifications (DEFRA) <[RESP-notifications@defra.gov.uk](mailto:RESP-notifications@defra.gov.uk)>

**Sent:** Friday, May 3, 2024 10:51 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** EPR/XP3632QE/V003 We Need More Information About Your Application CRM:0163030

Dear [REDACTED]

**Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016**

**Application reference: EPR/XP3632QE/V003**

**Operator: WAYLAND FARMS LIMITED**

**Facility: Methwold Farm Pig Unit - EPR/XP3632QE, Methwold Group, Methwold, IP26 4RJ**

Thank you for your application received on 08/11/2023. The following is to confirm our conversation of 03/05/2024.

We need to ask you for some missing information before we can do any more work on your application. In addition, the application payment you sent is incorrect. Please see the attached not duly made letter which sets out the further information we require.

Please reply directly to the Not Duly Made email with your information and copy in [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Please send the information by **28<sup>th</sup> May 2024**. If we don't hear from you, we must return your application.

When we receive the requested information, we'll 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 letter 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 application charge to cover our costs in reviewing your application and requesting information. This maximum amount we'll retain is capped at £1,500. Further information on charging can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environmental-permitting-ep-charges-scheme>

If you have any questions please phone myself or [REDACTED] or email [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (please send the email to us both).

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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