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Subject: EPR/EP3428LJ/A001 We Need More Information About Your Application CRM:0278256
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Dear Elaine

Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016

Application reference: EPR/EP3428LJ/A001

Operator: L J Fairburn and Son Ltd

Facility: Whitton Farm, Bilsby, Alford, LN13 9PL

Thank you for your application received on 02/05/2025.

I have finished reviewing the application and need the following additional information/amendments before the application can be duly made:

1. Question 13 of application Part B3.5, 'Confidentiality and national security' – You have ticked the box asking for the information in your application to be treated confidentially. Please submit a copy of your supporting statement detailing why you are requesting confidentiality and what information you believe should be kept confidential.

Note: We will normally put all the information on the public register of environmental information. However, we may not include certain information on the public register if this isn't in the interests of national security, or because the information is confidential. You can ask for information to be made confidential by ticking the box and enclosing a letter with your application giving your reasons. If we agree with your request, we will tell you and not include the information on the public register. If we do not agree to your request, we will let you know how to appeal against our decision, or you can withdraw your application

2. Standby generator
 - Confirm the thermal input capacity of the standby generator(s) in MWth.
 - Confirm how many hours per annum the standby generator(s) is/are operated for testing purposes.

Note: In accordance with guidance, [Emergency backup diesel engines on installations: best available techniques \(BAT\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#), you must test the standby generator for less than 50 hours a year. In the Intensive Farming sector, operators generally test for 1 hour per week which we can accept.

- Confirm the standby generator(s) is/are only used for emergency power supply use, where mains power has gone down, for less than 500 hours per annum.
3. Please amend the two site drainage plans to include the side fans, used for additional summer cooling, and add north facing arrows.
 4. Please amend the 'housing' and 'dust' sections of the 'Technical standards document', the 'Non-technical summary' and section 3.0 of the 'Site condition report' to reflect the correct ventilation details, i.e. high velocity roof fans with side fans as back up for additional summer cooling, and ensure the documents are specific to Whitton Farm.
 5. Please amend section 3.0 of the 'Site condition report' to remove reference to 64,000 laying hens and ensure the document is specific to Whitton Farm.
 6. Please amend the following documents to reflect the revised name, 'Whitton Farm', throughout:

Non-tech summary

Environmental risk assessment

Climate change risk assessment

Technical standards

Site condition report

Odour management plan

Noise management plan

Dust management plan

Please reply directly to this email with your information and copy me in.

You must send us the information by **04/06/25**.

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 £1,500. Further information on charging can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environmental-permits-and-abstraction-licences-tables-of-charges>

We'll assess your claim for confidentiality once your application is duly made.

Note: Our email system has a file size limit of 25MB, if your returns exceed this limit you will have to arrange an online file transfer. Please ensure the file transfer link does not have a time limit on it.

If you have any questions please contact me.

Kind regards

Kate

Kate Wray

Senior Permitting Officer

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