

From: [Elaine Marshall](#)
To: [Kate Wray](#)
Subject: Re: EPR/EP3428LJ/A001 We Need More Information About Your Application CRM:0278256
Date: 22 May 2025 15:51:13
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[image002.gif](#)

Hi Kate,

Yes that was my mistake I ticked that box by accident when filling out the form- do you need me to revise the form?.

Many thanks

Elaine

On 22/05/2025 15:49, Kate Wray wrote:

Hi Elaine,

Thank you for the revised documents. Can you just confirm wrt the confidentiality question (question 1) please.

Kind regards
Kate

Kate Wray

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This is a thanks in advance. Please be carbon considerate and only reply if necessary – a standard email approximately costs 4g of CO2e!

From: Elaine Marshall <Elaine@Yorkshirefarmers.co.uk>
Sent: 22 May 2025 13:56
To: SM-Defra-RESP-notifications (DEFRA) <RESP-notifications@defra.gov.uk>
Cc: Kate Wray <kate.wray@environment-agency.gov.uk>
Subject: Fwd: EPR/EP3428LJ/A001 We Need More Information About Your Application CRM:0278256

Hi Kate,

Apologies North arrow now added to plans.

Many thanks

Elaine

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

Date:Thu, 22 May 2025 13:37:10 +0100

From:Elaine Marshall <Elaine@Yorkshirefarmers.co.uk>

To:SM-Defra-RESP-notifications (DEFRA) <RESP-notifications@defra.gov.uk>

CC:Kate Wray <kate.wray@environment-agency.gov.uk>, Lizzie Bentley
<Lizzie@yorkshirefarmers.co.uk>

Hi Kate,

I have reviewed your comments below - please find attached revised documentation for your review - please let me know if you need anything further on these.

With regards to the standby generator - the Operator has not yet purchased this item but will be of a very similar specification to the ones in use at the other sites the operator manages as per the details below and attached photo.

'There is one standby generator, with a net thermal rated input of 0.24MWth, for use in the event of mains power failure. The generator will not be tested for more than 52 hours per annum and will not be used for more than 500 hours per annum (emergency use and testing), averaged over a 3-year period. The generator falls outside of the requirements of the Medium Combustion Plant Directive.' '

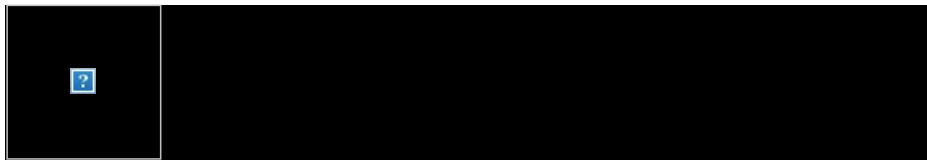
This will be very similar if not the same as the one to be installed at Whittons farm, unless we contact you in the interim to confirm otherwise.

Many thanks and enjoy your leave.

Kind regards

Elaine

On 21/05/2025 15:36, SM-Defra-RESP-notifications (DEFRA) wrote:



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 \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/emergency-backup-diesel-engines-on-installations-best-available-techniques-bat), 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

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