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**L J FAIRBURN AND SON LTD, Whittons FARM, FARLESTHORPE ROAD, BILSBY, ALFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE, LN13 9PL**

The proposal consists of the erection on two agricultural building for free range egg production with associated feed bins, hardstanding, access track improvements, provision of water tanks and two attenuation ponds.

This site will have an operational capacity for a total of 128,000 places for laying hens in two houses. The Laying birds are housed at approximately 16 weeks old and remain for a 70 week egg producing cycle. The poultry houses are then depopulated, cleaned and disinfected ready for the next cycle.

The poultry houses have manure belts, and the manure will be collected from the farm every 3-4 days by tractor and trailer. No manure is stored on site. All manure is transported off site to LJ Fairburn & Son farms for use on agricultural land or sold to local farmers.

The free range houses are built of steel framework sited on a concrete base, insulated and then cladded with steel sheeting. Roof fans situated just below the eaves act as inlets only with fans that push air into the shed. Outlet fans are located each side of the roof ridge. High velocity ventilation fans controlled by a computer system will ensure that optimum conditions are maintained within the buildings. Side fans are used as back-up only for additional cooling when conditions require it.

Pre-mixed feed is brought in from our own UKAS approved feed mill and stored in silos nearby the poultry sheds. Diets are formulated according to the birds age and nutritional requirements. Protein and phosphorus levels are routinely reduced as the birds get older. Nipple drinkers are situated in each poultry shed and water consumption is monitored and recorded daily. Low energy lighting is used throughout.

Any mortalities are collected and recorded daily. The carcasses are stored within a sealed bin and collected by a fallen stock operator.

The perch areas within the building are perforated with manure belts located below. Manure drops through the perforated benches onto the manure belts which are linked to belt system which enable manure to be removed from the building. Manure is stored temporarily within a specialist covered manure store at a separate site prior to removal onto a trailer on a twice weekly basis for disposal by specialist contractor.

A pest control protocol is in place.

At the end of the laying cycle the birds are removed from the shed, the shed is then scraped out and washed down with high pressure hoses. The dirty wash water that is generated in this process is collected in a dirty waste water tank; the contents of which are collected by specialist contractors for disposal.

Water is from borehole.

Surface water drainage is to be managed using a Sustainable Urban Drainage model and utilises attenuation ponds. Drainage from roof areas is diverted to the soakaway/attenuation pond for final controlled release to ditch.

The site includes a comprehensive surface water drainage scheme designed to avoid adverse impacts upon surface water flow. This will be achieved through the discharge of roof and surface water into a substantial drainage attenuation PVC crate soakaway with restricted flow into an adjoining ditch only on high water volumes.

These measures are intended to reduce the production and emission of ammonia, odours, dust and to prevent liquids escaping to the environment. This in turn should reduce the environmental impact of the farming activities.

Site location.

All land immediately surrounding Whittons Farm is in agricultural use. The most proximate land in residential use comprises a dwelling located marginally approximately 17m south of the poultry shed which is operator owned. The village of Farlesthorpe is located approximately 280m to the south-east of the installation, Bilsby is located approximately 530m to the west of the installation.

There are four Sites of Special Scientific Interest located within 5k of the installation, all to the SSW of the site. These are:

* Willoughby Meadow SSSI
* Willoughby Wood SSSI
* Skendleby Psalter Banks SSSI
* Claxby Chalk Pit SSSI

There are sensitive residential receptors located within both 100m and 400m of the sites therefore Dust and bioaerosols, noise and odour management plans are in place.