

**Kate Cummins**

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**Sent:** 27 May 2025 17:07  
**To:** Elaine Marshall  
**Cc:** Kate Cummins  
**Subject:** EPR/GP3828LK/A001 Happylands Farm - We Need More Information About Your Application (not duly made request for further information) CRM:0270093

Dear Elaine,

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

**Application reference: EPR/GP3828LK/A001**

**Operator: Lincolnshire Pork Co LTD**

**Facility: Happylands Farm, Owersby Moor, Market Rasen, Lincolnshire LN8 3YN**

Thank you for your application received on 15/04/2025. Your application has been allocated to me for validation checks (duly making) only.

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:

**1. Application form B3.5 section 1a** – this has been ticked as an organisation of individuals – please confirm this is an error and should have been ticked as a registered company.

**2. Company secretary** – we note that Emma Blandford is the Company Secretary on a Companies House check. Please supply an email address for her. *We are required to contact the Company Secretary if we request further information via a Schedule 5 Notice.*

**3. Installation boundary plan** – there doesn't appear to be an accurate installation boundary drawn to scale on the site plan, site drainage plan or site location plan, and in particular the slurry lagoon doesn't appear to be included within the installation boundary – please submit an installation boundary plan including the slurry lagoon and any pipework from the housing and yard area to the lagoon. Please mark the boundary in green and include a 'north' indicator and scale.

**4. Sensitive receptor** – it mentions in the non-technical summary (NTS) that there is one sensitive receptor within 400m distance from the installation boundary, the closest is a farmhouse residence which are owned by the operators of the site, but doesn't indicate where it is. It looks like there's a dwelling within installation boundary but with new pig house 4 being built over it – please confirm where the farmhouse is located and if the property within the installation boundary is being demolished and pig house 4 built in its place.

**5. Dust and Bioaerosols Management Plan (DBMP) and fee** – it states in application contents list that Appendix 6 Technical Standards includes bioaerosols statement, but there is no mention of this in it? In addition if the house mentioned in point 4 above is within 100m of the installation boundary then you are required to submit a Dust and Bioaerosol Management Plan and an additional application fee of £620 for its assessment. Please refer to [Intensive farming risk assessment for your environmental permit - GOV.UK](#) for more information on DBMPs.

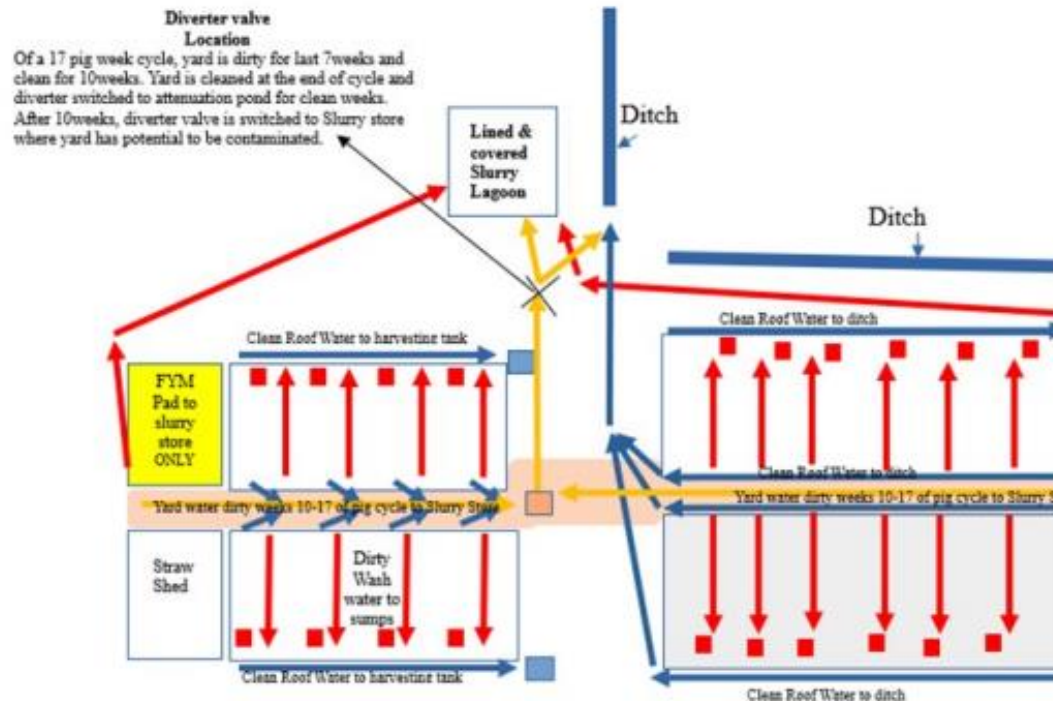
**6. Copy of buildings register** – the total pig capacity for all buildings adds up to 4,000 in this document – is this the number you wish to apply for, or remain at 3,995?

**7. Site drainage** – it mentions in the Technical Standards (TS) document that there are buildings 5 – 8, but these aren't indicated on the site plan or site drainage plan. It also mentions free draining soakaway but this isn't on the plan either, nor is D1 indicated (there are two ditches indicated on the drainage plan submitted, both to the north, one running vertically and one horizontally). In addition the diverter valve is not indicated on the drainage plan. Please provide further clarity on the drainage and a revised TS and site drainage plan with the correct information.

From the Technical Standards document:

<b>Land</b>	
Free-draining land soakaway	Free draining yard areas north and south of building 3, 3a and 4 buildings 5 – 8 – uncontaminated - marked on Site Layout plan (Appendix 4b)
<b>Water</b>	
Slurry lagoon	All wash water, effluent and rainwater on to contaminated concrete to slurry lagoon. (There are no emissions to groundwater.)
D1 – ditch to North of installation	Rainwater from concrete yard areas between these buildings, all drains to silt trap tank – to ditch located at the North of the site.

From the current site drainage plan:



**8. Ventilation** – the TS document submitted in support of the application mentions new buildings having high speed fans – check confirm if this is correct and supply the height of the fan outlets and the efflux velocity. Please also confirm if there are any roof outlets on the existing pig houses, and new extension (3a) and new pig house 4 if not high velocity roof fans.

From the Technical Standards document:

Housing

Housing design and management is in accordance with SGN EPR6.09 'How to comply with your environmental permit for intensive farming'

- ☐ The buildings and associated drainage have all been built to BAT standards, with a strong focus on resource saving and efficiency
- ☐ All pigs at all stages are kept on solid floored and straw bedded. The existing buildings are naturally ventilated and the new build sheds will use high speed roof fans for improved dispersal and dilution of emissions.

**9. Raw Materials Inventory (Appendix 10)** – application form B3.5 part 8d and the checklist refer to this document but it hasn't been submitted, please provide a copy.

Please send this as soon as possible, and by no later than the **10/06/2025** (10 working days deadline). If we do not receive this by 10/06/2025 then we will return your application.

If we receive what is missing by the 10/06/2025 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. Once duly made your application will be put on a queue awaiting allocation for determination.

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>.

If you have any questions please get in touch with me as soon as possible (details below).

**Please reply directly to this email with your information and copy in me in (by replying to all).**

Yours sincerely,  
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