



Noise Management Plan

Moy Park Limited

**Alison's Farm
Land at High Dyke
High Dyke
Great Ponton
NG33 5BQ**

Permit number EPR/DP3642QD

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1. Introduction

As part of the Environment Management System for the farm, this Noise Management Plan has been prepared to ensure that the risk of noise pollution from the farm is minimised. There have been no substantiated noise complaints about this farm.

2. General Description

Alison's Farm is situated approximately one kilometre north-east of the village of Great Ponton, Lincolnshire, approximately centred on National Grid Reference SK9392231008.

The installation comprises eight poultry houses, numbered one to eight. The eight poultry houses provide a combined capacity for 270,000 broiler places.

The birds are brought onto the farm at approximately one day old and are depopulated around 40 days of age.

The poultry houses are ventilated by roof fans with an emission point higher than 5.5 metres above ground level and an efflux speed greater than 11 metres per second. All six houses also have gable end fans, although these are operated infrequently to maintain temperature, typically in the summer months.

At the end of the cycle the houses are depopulated, washed and disinfected ready for the next cycle. Litter is removed at the end of each bird cycle, and exported from the site. Water from the wash out of poultry houses is channelled to underground collection tanks close to the houses to await export off site. Roof water from all house drains and surface water draining from the yard (excluding periods of washout when water from the yard drains to the underground tanks) are channelled to a drainage ditch west of the permit boundary.

The land around the site is predominantly agricultural.

Associated food is stored on the installation in sealed food bins.

Mortalities are collected daily and stored in a secure container on site for removal under the National Fallen Stock Scheme.

The sheds will be heated using LPG heating system.

There are no Special Areas of Conservation(SAC), Special Protection Areas (SPA) and Ramsars within 5km of the installation. There are two Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) within 5km of the installation, and 20 other nature conservation sites within 2km comprising of 17 Local Wildlife Sites (LWS) and 3 Ancient Woodlands. An assessment of the impact of emissions has been carried out and the installation is considered to have no adverse effect on the nature conservation sites.

3. Site Plan



There are no sensitive receptors within 400m of the installation.

The aim of this Noise Management Plan is to:

- Identify potential sources of noise arising from the Farm
- Identify management practices and procedures that are taken to control or minimise the risk of noise
- Identify a procedure for dealing with any complaints received and any subsequent actions

1. Noise Management and Control Measures

Noise Source	Potential Risk	Actions to minimise risk	Responsibility (where applicable)
Vehicles	Neighbouring dwelling within 400m of the farm may be impacted from vehicle movements if not managed appropriately	Vehicles maintained in a good state of repair. Drivers comply with the site speed limit	
Feed and fuel delivery	Neighbouring dwelling within 400m of the farm	Feeding systems are checked daily to ensure correct operation. Most feed delivery vehicles have a dense phase blower with built in quiet pack. All vehicles maintained in a good state of repair. Use of large capacity lorries to reduce number of deliveries	Feed Mill team
Alarm system and standby generator checks	Sensitive receptor within 400m	Weekly system checks are carried out at times to minimise nuisance to neighbours Electrics and equipment maintained to reduce the risk of back-up systems being used. Standby generator is housed in an acoustic jacket to reduce noise levels. Personnel will use mobile phones.	Farm Manager Maintenance Team
Catching	Additional staff and vehicles on site, often outside normal operational hours	Staff, visitors and contractors aware that noise must be kept to a minimum Operations organised to minimise vehicle movements	Farm Manager Planning Team
Litter removal	Neighbouring dwelling within 400m of the farm	Vehicles maintained in a good state of repair. All staff know that noise should be kept to a minimum. Lorries will be parked as close as possible to doors to reduce forklift travel.	Contractors / Farm Manager
Birds	Noise from birds	Noise from birds is not considered to be a likely cause for complaint during the growing period. During loading, bird noise is minimised by careful handling and prompt removal of the lorry from the site when full	Catching Team
Personnel	Shouting or radio noise whilst personnel on site	Staff, catchers and other contractors are required to carry out their work without creating excessive noise	All on site staff
Repairs	Sensitive receptor within 400m	If repairs are required, work is undertaken during the working day (07:00 – 19:00) where possible.	Maintenance Team
Ventilation	Neighbouring dwelling within 400m of the farm	Noise from the fans is not considered to be a likely cause for complaint. Minimum ventilation used unless weather conditions require more	Farm Manager
Abnormal scenarios	Neighbouring dwelling within 400m of the farm	Wherever possible, regardless of the abnormal scenario, try to schedule any potentially noisy conditions to during the working day (07:00 – 19:00). e.g. ventilation and feeding equipment failure, destocking outside of working hours, etc. If this is not possible, try to reduce and minimise noise levels as much as practically possible.	All on site staff

2. Noise Complaints Procedure

Any complaints are normally passed on to Anwick Security by the Environment Agency. If a complaint is received the following procedure will be followed:

Action	Responsibility
Forward details of the complaint to the Farm, Area Manager & Environmental Manager as soon as possible	Security
Enter details of complaint on to the Complaint Form (appendix 1) and investigate the potential source of the noise. Sources of noise off-site should also be recorded	Farm Manager
Discuss investigation findings with Area Manager. If onsite activity is found to be the source this should be stopped as soon as possible (assuming welfare of the birds is not compromised).	Farm Manager
Complete complaint form and send to Environmental Assistant at Oakside. A copy should also be kept on the farm	Farm Manager
Log details of the complaint to identify any trends	Environmental Manager

Feedback on investigation findings to be provided by the Area Manager on request.

If complaint details are passed on to Moy Park more than 12 hours after the first report, no further action will be taken by on site staff. Details of the complaint and any potential sources of noise, both on and off-site, will be logged by the Environmental Assistant for information and statistical purposes only.

3. Community Liaison

Moy Park are keen to engage with the local community and to better understand any concerns that they may have. Neighbours can contact Moy Park directly if they are impacted by any activities at the Farm. If direct reports are made, the above complaints procedure will be followed and the Environment Agency will be notified.

If any neighbour wishes to visit the Farm to better understand how it is run and managed, this can be arranged on request.

4. Review

This Noise Management Plan will be reviewed annually or following any substantiated odour complaints. This interval will be shorter if any relevant changes are made to operations and infrastructure.

Appendix 1 - Complaint Form

Farm name	
Date & Time of complaint	
Reported by	
Type of complaint (odour, noise, dust, etc.)	
Details of complaint	
Weather conditions at time of complaint (including wind direction)	
Age of birds	
Action taken to investigate the complaint (e.g.: odour monitoring, walking the boundary of the farm etc)	
Action taken to reduce the impact	
Any other comments	
Form completed by	
Date forwarded to Oakside	