

Site Condition Report

1.0 Site details	
Name of the applicant	North Farm Livestock Ltd
Activity address	Lockes and Blackhall Farm, Blackhall Farm, Ramsgate Street, Edgefield, Norwich, NR24 2AU
National grid reference	Blackhall Farm NGR- TG10103313 Lockes Farm NGR- TG10443236
Document reference and dates for Site Condition Report at permit application and surrender	Site Condition Report October 2020
Document references for site plans (including location and boundaries)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Site and Drainage Plans2. Site Boundary Plans3. Site Closure Plan

2.0 Condition of the land at permit issue

<p>Environmental setting including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Geology• Hydrogeology• Surface waters	<p>Locks Farm is in an isolated rural location, approximately 1.9 km to the south-south-east of the village of Edgefield in Norfolk. The surrounding land is used largely for arable farming, although there are some wooded areas nearby. The site is at an altitude of around 55 m with the land rising towards higher ground to the north and falling towards the River Bure Valley to the south. Blackhall Farm is approximately 750 m to the north-north-west of Locks Farm and is approximately 1.1 km to the south-south-east of Edgefield. Blackhall Farm is at an altitude of around 62 m with the land rising towards higher ground to the north and falling towards the River Bure Valley to the south.</p> <p>According to the postcode search facilities on the Environment Agency website, the site is in an NVZ drinking water safeguard zone. Just over 1 mile to the South of Lockes Farm, and around 2 miles to the south of Blackhall, flows the River Bure, a chalk stream river.</p> <p>Both sites have been well designed as far as surface water run-off is concerned. Both have large areas of concrete standing & in both cases this has been gently sloped towards drainage points which remove water to the dirty water lagoons on each site. In addition, buildings have been sloped to ensure rain water from the roofs flows towards these drainage points as well. In short surface water flow is directed by the site design towards drainage points that feed the lagoons</p>
<p>Pollution history including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pollution incidents that may have affected land• Historical land uses and associated contaminants• Any visual/olfactory evidence of existing contamination• Evidence of damage to pollution prevention measures	<p>Both Lockes and Blackhall are existing pig farms. Lockes Farm has been an operational pig farm for 4 years and Blackhall considerably longer.</p> <p>There have been no historical pollution incidents</p>

Evidence of historic contamination, e.g. historical site investigation, assessment, remediation and verification reports (where available)	There have been no previous land site investigations or assessments at the site
Baseline soil and groundwater reference data	None
Supporting information	None

3.0 Permitted activities	
Permitted activities	<p>The 6 pig sheds provide a combined capacity for 4,300 pigs. The site runs an “all in, all out” batch system whereby a single batch of 4,300 pigs are brought onto the site at 7 kg and then all leave site at approximately 105 kg. The maximum cycle length is 20 weeks with some thinning of the crop after 16 weeks. After the cycle there is a period of approximately two weeks where the sheds are empty for clean down and preparation for the next batch.</p> <p>Mortalities are collected daily from the sheds and stored in a dedicated locked and secure container on site for later removal by a registered disposer. At the end of the cycle the houses are depopulated, washed and disinfected ready for the next cycle.</p> <p>The dunging area of the sheds is scraped through daily and manure is exported from the site on a muck for straw basis to a neighbouring farmer. Dirty water from the wash out of the sheds is collected in a dirty water lagoon and is also exported to be spread on surrounding arable land, in accordance with Good Agricultural Practice. Clean roof and yard water from sheds flow to culverts and then ditches.</p>
Non-permitted activities undertaken	Not applicable
Document references for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan showing activity layout Environmental risk assessment 	Please refer to Lockes Farm and Blackhall site plan and environmental risk assessment