

8a Technical Standards for Lockes & Blackhall Farm

Operations

The operation of the farm will be in accordance with SGN EPR6.09 'How to comply with your environmental permit for intensive farming'.

Feed

Selection and use of feed is in accordance with SGN EPR6.09 'How to comply with your environmental permit for intensive farming'.

Protein is reduced over the growing cycle by providing different feeds and phosphorus levels in rations are reduced over the production cycle.

Feed storage bins are specifically designed to accommodate the required feeding regime.

Housing

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

The sheds are naturally ventilated with solid floors. The shed houses pens which are split between a dunging area (scrape through) and lying area (bedded with straw). The quality and quantity of straw is regularly inspected to ensure it does not become excessively wet or dry. Steps as described in SGN EPR6.09 'How to comply with your environmental permit for intensive farming' will be taken to rectify any changes to the quality of the FYM. Clean roof and yard water run-off flows into a culvert and then to ditches.

General Management

In accordance with the management system at the farm, the buildings are regularly inspected and maintained. The floors and walls of the sheds are kept clean. The site is regularly inspected and well maintained. Between each batch of pigs (approx. 22 weeks per batch) all buildings are mucked out, pressure washed and disinfected.

Livestock Numbers and Movements

A system is in place to record the number animal places and animal movements. These records will be available for inspection.

Manure management planning - off site-activity

The solid manure from this is stored on concrete pads and is removed three times a year. Lockes Farm muck storage will hold a total of 300 tonnes and Blackhall Farm 100 tonnes.

Dirty water is stored in lagoons. Both FYM and dirty water are exported on a muck for straw basis to neighbouring arable farmer who complies with the Code of Good Agricultural Practice.

Improvement Programme

Fugitive Emissions

Appropriate measures for preventing and minimising fugitive emissions are in place in accordance with the SGN EPR6.09 'How to comply with your environmental permit for intensive farming'. Buildings are maintained in good repair. Areas around buildings are kept free from build-up of manure, dirty water and spilt feed. Foot dips are managed so that they do not overflow. Drainage from animal housing and water from cleaning out is collected in the earth banked dirty water storage lagoons which are marked on the site plans.

Dust

Feed is stored in purpose built covered feed bins located next to the pig sheds. No milling or mixing of feed takes place at the farm. All feed is delivered to the farm by lorry from ForFarmers. Feed is blown directly from the lorry into the storage bins. Feed is piped from the bins to the sheds minimising dust emissions.

Dust is controlled through the management of bedding and air quality. When possible the highest quality bedding is used to reduce dust.

Carcass management

Fallen stock is disposed of in accordance with the current Animal By-Products Regulations. Fallen stock are deposited into dedicated covered and locked carcass bins which are emptied when needed.

Flies

There have been no incidents of fly nuisance at the farm. Appropriate actions will be put into place to prevent and control flies should a nuisance arise.

Foodstuff

Feed is kept in bins adjacent to the pig sheds. No liquid feed is stored at the site. The feed bins are sited away from site traffic and protected from collision damage by guard rails.

Odour

There are five neighbours (sensitive receptors) within 400m of the farm and therefore an up-to-date Odour Management Plan is in place. This conforms with the SGN EPR6.09 'How to comply with your environmental permit for intensive farming' and the H1 Environmental Risk Assessment 3.5 6a. There is no history of odour complaints resulting from the current activities on the unit.

Noise and vibration

There are five neighbours (sensitive receptors) within 400m of the farm and therefore an up-to-date Noise Management Plan is in place (Noise Management Plan B3.5 8c). This conforms to SGN EPR6.09 'How to comply with your environmental permit for intensive farming' and the H1 Environmental Risk Assessment. There is no history of noise complaints resulting from the current activities on the unit.