



Permit reference EPR/NP3135JA, Cobb Europe Ltd, Barn Farm

Noise Management Plan version November 2018

Introduction

A Noise Management Plan (NMP) has been prepared because there are sensitive receptors within 400 metres. Mostly located to the north east and west of Barn Farm – nearest are three dwellings at Park Farm, Hawks Hill and Sparham Hill Cottage off Fakenham Road and a further dwelling to the south-east at Walsis' Farm. The Farm Manager's house is closest but not required in the NMP.

Sensitive receptors within 400 metres

Location	Distance from boundary Metres	Name	Receptor	Grid reference
A1067 Fakenham Road	~152	Park Farm	Dwelling	TG 08683 19045
A1067 Fakenham Road	~327	Hawks Hill	Dwelling	TG 08535 19150
A1067 Fakenham Road	~395	Sparham Hill Cottage	Dwelling	TG 08269 18795
A1067 Fakenham Road	~393	Walsis' Farm	Dwelling	TG 08919 18254

Measured on MAGIC map applications

The purpose of this plan is to:-

- Establish likely sources of noise arising from a breeder chicken unit;
- Set out the procedures followed at Barn Farm in order to prevent or minimise noise levels.



Noise sources and actions to minimise noise

No	Typical sources of noise problems	Actions taken at Barn Farm to prevent or minimise noise	Completion date
1	Large vehicles travelling to and from the farm	<p>Measures are described in How to comply – Intensive Farming:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Installed new concrete service road, minimising noise especially from empty vehicles. Located on the east side of the site farthest away from sensitive receptors, and with the poultry houses and farm buildings providing some acoustic barrier• Most vehicles arriving and leaving at reasonable times in the daytime• Drivers are made aware of driving slowly on and off the site and minimising noise• Engines must be switched off when not in use• Chicken collections at night time at the end of each cycle pose greatest risk, but normally limited to 2 consecutive nights every 13 weeks• Maintaining a preventive maintenance programme & record keeping for buildings and equipment including cracking or potholes in the site roadway.	In place
2	<p>Vehicles on site e.g. for:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Delivering LPG & shavings/straw• Delivering chicks• Delivering feed• Collecting mature birds for slaughter• Removing used litter from houses• Removing carcasses• Removing dirty water	<p>Measures are described in How to comply – Intensive Farming:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deliveries & collections of feed, fuel, litter restricted to reasonable times in the normal working day• Vehicles must be well maintained and driven slowly around the site• Engines must be switched off when not in use• Vehicles fitted with audible ‘vehicle reversing’ warning system are generally used only in the daytime. The exception to this is during removal of birds when vehicles have to be used at night.• Complaints will be recorded and referred to the Site Manager for investigation and follow-up action. A record is kept of any remedial action to prevent or minimise the causes & any changes to the Noise Management Plan.	In place



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3	Feed transfer from lorry to bins Noise from blowing feed into silos	Measures are described in How to comply – Intensive Farming:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Silos located in between the poultry houses which are providing some acoustic barrier• Deliveries twice per week in the daytime, typically take less than an hour	In place
4	Small vehicles travelling to and from the farm (e.g. staff and visitors cars, courier van deliveries, etc)	Measures are described in How to comply – Intensive Farming:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Normally working reasonable times 07.00-16.00• Most vehicles arriving and leaving in the daytime• Mot deliveries unloaded inside the transfer building• Employees, contractors and visitors are made aware to carry out any work without shouting, playing radios, or making unnecessary noise	In place
5	Ventilation fans day & night	Measures are described in How to comply – Intensive Farming:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Installed efficient high-speed fans installed inside chimneys. Considered to be low noise relative to typical rural background noise• Maintaining a preventive maintenance programme & record keeping for buildings and equipment including fans, according to the manufacturer's instructions. Noisy, out of balance or worn fans are not efficient and will be replaced.	In place
6	Alarm system and standby generator	Measures are described in How to comply – Intensive Farming:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Installed package generator and used infrequently, low noise and surrounded by the farm buildings providing further acoustic barrier• Noise from alarms will not exceed levels required to alert persons working on the site• Weekly system test (required by law) will be carried out during the daytime of the normal working week.	In place



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7	Chickens	<p>Measures are described in How to comply – Intensive Farming:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Most vehicles arriving and leaving at reasonable times in the daytime During destocking bird noise will be minimised by careful handling and prompt removal of the lorry from the site when full.	In place
8	Personnel	<p>Measures are described in How to comply – Intensive Farming:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Employees, contractors and visitors are made aware to carry out any work without shouting, playing radios, or making unnecessary noise	In place
9	Repairs	<p>Measures are described in How to comply – Intensive Farming:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If repairs to the site are required, the work will be undertaken with due regard for possible noise nuisance and during the normal working day• In event of major repair work being undertaken which is likely to cause significant noise and disruption, neighbouring residents will be notified in advance.	In place



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Monitoring for emissions which maybe causing annoyance beyond the site boundary

The NMP including all of the actions to minimise noise and noise risks at Barn Farm shall be implemented and maintained as part of the farm's written environmental management system. The Farm Manager is responsible for checking the actions continue to be in place and are implemented by employees and contractors.

Complaints procedure

Should a complaint be raised with any farm it is the responsibility of the Facilities manager of that Facility to notify the Production team. This is one of either Dominic Smith, Senior Manager Production U.K. Adam Eastgate, Senior Regional Manager Production. Richard Weatherley, EMEA Production Director. Upon receiving the complaint an investigation will be conducted and findings of the complaint shared with the appropriate parties. Complaints must be investigated and findings recorded as soon as reasonably practical.

If the noise is still present, investigate how to reduce it or stop it immediately. If the noise is no longer present investigate ways to prevent reoccurrences or the noise becoming so loud in the future. If the source of the complaint is not immediately apparent, investigate further to ensure the actions in the NMP are in place and are continuing to be effectively implemented or make recommendations to the responsible person for changes to the NMP following a complaint or a review of its effectiveness.

This plan must be reviewed every 4 years from the permit issue date or after any complaint.



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1. Complaints should be passed on to the 'responsible person' on receipt.
2. Complaints should be logged on the sheet provided and kept in the Complaints Log in the site office.

Complaint No.	
Date of complaint	
Complaint details	
Complainant telephone number	
Details of complaint (date, time, nature of noise, any other details)	
Complainant visited	
Weather conditions	
Wind direction	
On farm activities at the time of the complaint	
Suggested cause of complaint	
Complainant contacted with explanation Yes/No Date By whom	
Need for Noise Management Plan review?	