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**To:** [SM-Defra-RESP-notifications \(DEFRA\)](#); [Kate Cummins](#)  
**Subject:** Re: EPR/WP3829ML/A001 Rowlands Farm - We Need More Information About Your Application (not duly made request for further information) CRM:0270137  
**Date:** 11 February 2026 10:17:21  
**Attachments:** [image.png](#)  
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Hi Kate

Please see the revised documents attached.

With regard to where Lade Bank Drain goes to, I cannot find a river it ultimately drains to.

Regards

Steve

On Tue, 10 Feb 2026 at 16:49, SM-Defra-RESP-notifications (DEFRA) <[RESP-notifications@defra.gov.uk](mailto:RESP-notifications@defra.gov.uk)> wrote:

Dear Steve,

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

**Application reference: EPR/WP3829ML/A001**

**Operator: Halton Pigs Limited**

**Facility: Rowlands Farm, Lade Bank, Old Leake, Boston, Lincolnshire  
PE22 9RL**

Thank you for your application received on 27/01/2026.

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** – please address the following points and submit a revised application form:
  - a) Company directors' names – these are given in the application form are Alistair Hall Jones and Robert Hall Jones. In a Companies House check their surnames are Hall-Jones. Please confirm which is correct.
  - b) Installation location - section 2b appears to contain an incorrect grid reference of 540314,361932 – please confirm you agree with our approximate centre of poultry housing grid reference of 540652, 355513 given in the pre-application advice letter submitted with the application.
  - c) Installation address – a check on Royal Mail postcodes and the address for Rowlands Farm includes 'Boston'. Please confirm if this should be included in the installation address.
  - d) Section 14 declaration – this has been incorrectly completed as though a group of individuals with both directors' names in on page 22, rather than the first part of the

declaration by a company director on page 21.

2. **BAT document** – your document ‘Rowlands Farm’ which includes confirmation of compliance with the BAT conclusions and meeting BAT AELs refers to New Lane Poultry Farm in the title and text – please submit a revised BAT document for Rowlands Farm.
3. **Site drainage** – please provide an indication on the installation boundary plan or a grid reference where the outlet from the attenuation pond joins Lade Bank Drain, and also confirm where this drain ultimately drains to e.g. a named river.
4. **Flood risk assessment** - As the site is located within Flood Zone 3 (high probability of flooding) please address the following points and update your accident management plan and accident risk assessment accordingly:
  - a) Explain what has been done to understand where water would flow and the level of risk of contamination to local watercourses from the site, as a result of a flood event.
  - b) What actions will be taken by the operator to minimise potentially polluting flood water running off to clean water drains, and subsequently local watercourses, in the event of a flood, for example kerbing /sumps /shut off valves on clean water drains.
  - c) Explain how poultry houses, feed bins, chemical store, carcass store and fuel tank/generator are protected from flooding, to prevent contamination of flood waters.
  - d) If there is a risk of contamination of local watercourses in the event of a flood, provide a review of the evaluation of water volume created during such a flood event, diversion plans for water transfer to storage facilities and confirmation that storage facilities are of sufficient volume to contain potentially polluted flood water.

**Please reply directly to this email with your information and copy me in.**

You must send us the information by **24/02/2026**. If we do not receive this by this deadline we will return your application.

If we receive what is missing by the 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.

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 £1,613. 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 do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,  
Kate

**Kate Cummins**

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