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**Subject:** EPR/GP3921SL/A001 We Need More Information About Your Application CRM:0278195  
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Dear David

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

**Application reference: EPR/GP3921SL/A001**

**Operator: WRIGHT EGGS LIMITED**

**Facility: Poplar Lane, Hagnaby Lane, Hagnaby Lane, Spilsby, PE23 4AL**

Thank you for your application received on 22/10/2024.

Further to our telephone conversation this afternoon, I have completed initial checks of your application and we require additional information and money before the application can be duly made, as follows:

1. In accordance with Table 1.19 of the [The Environment Agency \(Environmental Permitting and Abstraction Licensing\) \(England\) Charging Scheme 2022 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#), there is an additional charge of £620 for assessment of the dust and bioaerosol management plan. Please note, this must be paid in full before the application can be duly made.

*Note: Please provide the payment date and reference so we can locate it on our systems.*

2. Submit a revised Application form Part B3.5, addressing the following points:
  - a. Table 1, 'Point source emissions to air' (question 7) - amend the ventilation details to high velocity fans on the existing house and side fans on the proposed house, in-line with the pre-application ammonia screening assessment completed in April 2024.
  - b. Table 1, 'Point source emissions to air' (question 7) - include any vents from fuel tanks.
  - c. Table 1, 'Point source emissions to water' (question 7) – include the discharge to ditch from the attenuation basin.
  - d. Question 8c 'Dust and bioaerosols' – amend the tick box to 'yes' as there are sensitive receptors within 100m of the installation boundary.
  - e. Question 13 'Confidentiality and national security' – You have ticked the box asking for the information in your application to be treated confidentially. Please submit a copy of your supporting statement detailing why you are requesting confidentiality and what information you believe should be kept confidential.

*Note: We will normally put all the information on the public register of environmental information. However, we may not include certain information on the public register if this isn't in the interests of national security, or because the information is confidential. You can ask for information to be made confidential by ticking the box and enclosing a letter with your application giving your reasons. If we agree with your request, we will tell you and not include the information on the public register. If we do not agree to your request, we will let you know how to appeal against our decision, or you can withdraw your application.*

- f. Question 14 'Declaration' – please date the declaration section.
  - g. Appendix 1 – Date of birth information – please correct the date of birth information.
3. Site plan – submit a site boundary plan in accordance with question 5a of application form Part B3.5. The plan should show the installation boundary clearly marked in green and the two poultry houses clearly numbered 1 and 2. The plan must be geographically correct (i.e. include fences, hedgerows or other features recognisable on site and should not be a schematic), should be accurately drawn to scale and include a north facing arrow.

*Note: the plan must identify all of the land on which your activity takes place, including the ranging area. The site plan submitted with the application only appears to show one of the poultry houses with associated ranging area.*

4. Site drainage plan – submit a revised site drainage plan in accordance with question 5a of application form Part B3.5. The plan should include the following features:
- a. The two poultry houses clearly numbered 1 and 2.
  - b. Sources of emissions/releases (e.g. ventilation fans, standby generator).
  - c. Fuel and chemical storage (e.g. diesel, heating oil, LPG, pesticides, disinfectant and so on).
  - d. Feed silos.
  - e. Site drainage (including clean and dirty water drainage routes, in blue and red respectively, diverter valves, dirty water tanks, French drains, attenuation basin, discharge point to ditch and site surfacing)
  - f. North facing arrow.

*Note: the site drainage plan submitted with the application only appears to show one of the poultry houses, only clean water drainage routes and is missing the features detailed above.*

5. Amend any documents which refer to ventilation fans, for example the non-technical summary, site condition report, odour management plan, dust and bioaerosol management plan, application form Part B3.5, to reference high velocity fans on the existing house and side fans on the proposed house, in-line with the pre-application ammonia screening assessment completed in April 2024 and your confirmation of this today.
6. Submit a revised Technical standards document, addressing the following points:
- a. Amend the ventilation details as it currently states 'Both houses will have roof ventilation outlets'.
  - b. Amend the drainage details as it currently states 'Rainwater run-off will be

collected by the guttering system and routed to the soak aways’.

*Note: It is understood that lightly contaminated roof and yard water discharges to a ditch via French drains and an attenuation basin.*

c. Reference the dust and bioaerosol management plan as there are sensitive receptors within 100m of the installation boundary.

d. It is stated that ‘Litter is exported off site and sold’ but it is understood from questions 8k and 8l of application form B3.5 that litter is both spread on land owned or controlled by the operator and third parties. Amend the section to make this clear.

#### 7. Standby generator

a. Confirm the thermal input capacity of the standby generator in MWth.

b. Confirm how many hours per annum the standby generator is operated for testing purposes.

*Note: In accordance with guidance [Emergency backup diesel engines on installations: best available techniques \(BAT\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/emergency-backup-diesel-engines-on-installations), you must test the standby generator for less than 50 hours a year. In the Intensive Farming sector, operators generally test for 1 hour per week which we can accept.*

c. Confirm the standby generator is only used for emergency power supply use, where mains power has gone down, for less than 500 hours per annum.

#### 8. Submit a revised Site Condition Report addressing the following points:

a. Provide details of any chemical and fuel storage on site and measures to protect land and groundwater.

b. Include the distance of the nearest residential receptors to the installation boundary as well as to the poultry housing.

c. Amend reference to ventilation, to high velocity fans on the existing house and side fans on the proposed house, in-line with the pre-application ammonia screening assessment completed in April 2024.

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

You must send us the information and or payment by 26/11/24.

Details of how to pay are given in Part B3.5 of the application form.

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 application charge to cover our costs in reviewing your application. This maximum amount we’ll retain is capped at £1,500. Further information on charging can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environmental-permits-and->

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We'll assess your claim for confidentiality once your application is duly made.

Note: Our email system has a file size limit of 25MB, if your returns exceed this limit you will have to arrange an online file transfer. Please ensure the file transfer link does not have a time limit on it.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on the number below.

Kind regards  
Kate

**Kate Wray**

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