

## Kirsty Trafford

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**From:** steve raasch <stephenraasch@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** 28 November 2025 14:25  
**To:** Kirsty Trafford  
**Subject:** Re: Application EPR/PP3523MS/A001 - Tithe Farm Poultry Unit - We Need More Information About Your Application  
**Attachments:** Application-for-an-environmental-permit-part-b3.5-intensive-farming-permit.zip

Hi Kirsty

1. a - Houses 1-4 will have medium velocity roof fans with a release height of 4.7m and 12m/s efflux velocity.
  - b - Houses 1-4 will stock 29,000 birds in each, totalling 116,000 broilers. Houses 5&6 will stock 38500 broilers in each totalling 77,000 broilers.
  - c - Turkeys will no longer be stocked at the farm.
  - d - No gable fans on poultry houses, documents amended and attached.
2. Drainage plan is accurate.
3. Tithe cottages located at NGR 573559,321727 are farm related.
4. Operational techniques for the heat exchangers are detailed in the technical standards attached.

Regards

Steve

On Fri, 28 Nov 2025 at 11:29, Kirsty Trafford <[kirsty.Trafford@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:kirsty.Trafford@environment-agency.gov.uk)> wrote:

Dear Steve,

**Application reference:** EPR/PP3523MS/A001  
**Operator:** Geoffrey Mason Ltd  
**Facility:** Tithe Farm Poultry Unit, PE32 1QG

Thank you for your application received on 13/11/2025, and application charge received on 17/11/2025.

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 question:

### **1. Poultry housing and ventilation**

- a. Confirm the vent height and efflux velocity for the poultry houses with medium velocity ventilation.
- b. Confirm the split of birds within each poultry house.
- c. Confirm that turkeys will no longer be stocked on the farm.
- d. The Non-Technical Summary states there are gable end fans on all houses, please provide revised documents to ensure these are included within the emissions tables in the Application Form and Technical Standards document and shown on the Site Layout/Drainage Plan.

### **2. Site drainage**

Confirm the drainage route for clean roof and yard water from all houses as there are some inconsistencies within the documents, and provide revised documents as required.

*Note: The Application Form states it discharges to swale acting as soakaway and this is shown on the Site Layout/Drainage Plan. The Non-Technical Summary, Technical Standards emissions table, Fugitive Emissions Risk Assessment and Site Condition Report state it discharges via French Drains acting as soakaways. Within the 'dust' section of the Technical Standards is states that rainwater run-off will be routed to the unlined attenuation pond.*

### **3. Odour and Noise Management Plans**

There is a residential receptor(s) within 400m of the installation boundary, located at grid reference 573559, 321727. If this is not linked to the farm installation, please submit Odour and Noise Management Plans.

### **4. Heat exchangers**

It is stated that all poultry houses will have heat exchangers fitted. Please provide additional information regarding the operational techniques for the heat exchangers and update to include within the emissions table in the Application Form.

You must send us the information by **12/12/2025**.

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.

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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 contact me.

Kind regards,

Kirsty

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