

Vitacress Salads Limited
Lower Link Farm
Lower Link
St Mary Bourne
Andover
Hampshire
SP11 6DB

Our ref: P.5767/H/95/V001 &
P.5768/H/95/V001
Your ref:

Date: 20 June 2024

Dear Mrs Mathias-Collins

We need more information about your application

Application reference: P.5767/H/95/V001 & P.5768/H/95/V001

Operator: Vitacress Salads Limited

Facility: Vitacress Salads Limited, Lower Link Farm, Lower Link, St Mary Bourne, Andover, Hampshire, SP11 6DB

Thank you for the response on the 2 May 2024 to the request for further information dated 25 April 2024.

Following review of the submission, it appears from the descriptions of the discharge routes and National Grid References (NGRs) for the outlet locations, that the outlets are not at locations where effluent is being discharged directly into inland freshwaters i.e. the Eastern Channel or the Bourne Rivulet. We provided clarification regarding the requirements for the outlets and sample points in our email dated 23 December 2023:

'the applications will need to identify **all outfalls from the site that discharge into inland freshwaters**, and **each outfall must have a sample point that is representative of the effluent being discharged into the inland freshwater** and **a discrete sample of only that effluent must be able to be taken** i.e. if the sample point is at the outfall, any sample taken must not be influenced by the inland freshwater, so it would not be acceptable for the outfall to be at or below the height of the inland freshwater at any time of the year.'

1. Please provide updated NGRs for the outlet locations and updated supporting documentation that reflects the revised outlet locations where effluent is being directly discharged into inland freshwaters.
2. Please provide labelled photographs of each inlet and effluent monitoring point and each outlet location.
3. Please clarify whether the Eastern carrier is a defined channel that is distinct from the Eastern Channel i.e. is it possible to take a sample of the effluent being discharged from the Eastern carrier into the Eastern Channel?
4. Please provide the NGR for a representative monitoring point for the factory washwater prior to it discharging to groundwater via cress beds B11/B12.
5. Please provide an annotated schematic per activity showing the monitoring points and outlets.

In addition, the discharge volumes that have been provided are combined. On a permit, we specify

the maximum daily discharge volume for each activity. We will also need to know the mean and standard deviation of the flows for each activity.

6. Please provide the maximum daily discharge volume for each activity along with flow data so that the mean and standard deviation of the flow for each activity can be derived. Please provide narrative about the confidence in the flow data including whether the meters are MCERTS certified/accredited and any caveats that should be applied to the data.

Please send the information, quoting the above application reference, **within 5 working days of this letter**.

You should send the information by email to [REDACTED].

When we receive the requested information, we will confirm the application fee and request the additional fee (if applicable). We will 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 will let you know whether your application can be duly made. If it can't be duly made, we must return your application to you.

If we return your application to you, we will send you a partial refund of your application payment. We will retain 20% of the application charge to cover our costs in reviewing your application and requesting information. The maximum amount we will retain is capped at £1,500. Further information on charging can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environmental-permitting-ep-charges-scheme>

If you have any questions, please phone me on [REDACTED] or email

[REDACTED].

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Senior Permitting Officer