From: SM-Defra-RESP-notifications (DEFRA)

To: Richard Corbert; Emily Bright

Cc: Rosina Riddle: Kate Cummins

Subject: EPR/VP3237WY/V005 Bryn-y-Groes - We Need More Information About Your Application (not duly made

request for further information) CRM:0270112

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Dear Richard and Emily,

Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016

Application reference: EPR/VP3237WY/V005

Operator: Mr David Wigley and Mrs Gwyneth Wigley

Facility: Bryn-y-Groes Poultry Unit - EPR/VP3237WY, Llanyblodwel, Oswestry, Shropshire SY10 8NB

Thank you for your application received on 26/08/2025.

We need to ask you for some missing information and additional fees before we can do any more work on your application. Please provide us with the following:

Application form C3.5 – please submit a revised application form in the names of the current operators Mr David Wigley and Mrs Gwyneth Wigley, and include both in the declaration (section 14). There is no need to complete application forms Part A and F1 for an intensive farm variation. As discussed with Emily, the 'trading as' name of the partnership Is not a legal entity and if you wish to add a third partner on as an operator, you will need to submit a full transfer application (forms A, D2 and F1x3 for each partner Change, transfer or cancel your environmental permit - GOV.UK, and a fee, currently £1324 The Environment Agency (Environmental Permitting and Abstraction Licensing) (England) Charging Scheme 2022 - amendments up to 18 August 2025). Supporting documents have the trading as name as the client, so we don't need these changing for this application. We will not include application forms A and the F1s already submitted in the consultation and publicising of the application, or for the determination.

Application contact – this is stated as Richard Corbett in the initial C3.5 application form, please confirm if you require Emily Bright and Rosina Riddle to be included as additional contacts in all correspondence for the application. *I have copied everyone in for this request.*

Application type – also discussed, this should be a substantial variation application for an increase of > 40,000 poultry (currently permitted for 120,000 broilers, proposal is for 180,000). Please tick the correct box in your revised application form C3.5 requested above. There is an additional fee for this, as detailed in point 4 below. We note that some of the supporting documents, e.g. the non-technical summary, state the capacity is currently 100,000 broilers but assume this is a typo.

Dust and bioaerosol management plan (DBMP) – please submit an updated DBMP to account for the additional poultry house and increase in livestock numbers, and the additional fee detailed in point 4 below. Please refer to the guidance for this: Intensive farming risk assessment for your environmental permit – GOV.UK.

Additional fees – you have paid £4,010 for a normal variation. This should be a substantial variation application which has a fee of £7,218, and in addition, a fee is required for a habitats assessment as there is a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) within 5km of the installation boundary so a Habitats Regulation Assessment Stage 1 is required to be completed and sent to Natural Resources Wales (NRW) for information only, as the SAC is in Wales and has screened out in our initial pre-application ammonia screening assessment. Also, as this is a substantial variation and you are required to submit a revised dust and bioaerosol management plan, you will need to pay the additional fee of £620 for its assessment. Therefore the total fee required should have been £7,218 + £779 + £620 = £8,617, so please submit the difference of £8,617 - £4,010 = £4,607. When sending this, please use the same reference used when the initial payment was sent in.

Standby generator – in the technical standards it states there will be an emergency generator on site with a thermal capacity of 0.4MW and will only be used in the case of emergencies and will be tested once a week, with testing not exceeding 50 hours per annum. Please confirm if this is in addition to another existing generator, that the capacity of 0.4MW is the thermal **input** capacity, or provide this (and that of any other generator), and that the standby generator(s) will not be operated for more than 500 hours per year (averaged over 3 years) for combined testing and emergency use only when there is a mains power failure.

H1 risk assessment – you have provided a document named 'H1 assessment' stating that the H1 assessment is detailed in reports listed as 'Odour Modelling, Noise Modelling and Management, Fugitive Emissions, Ammonia Screening Results – no ammonia modelling required and Accident/Emergency Plan'. You have submitted a fugitive risk assessment along the lines we require, but not the odour, noise or accident risk assessments, which are required. Please submit these in a similar format to the fugitive emissions assessment submitted. Please include the risk of flooding, fire and firewater containment in the accident risk assessment and ensure all risks are included in the accident management plan referred to in the summary of environmental management plans. We do not need to see the accident management plan (this will be checked during compliance visits). In addition, we do not require odour or noise modelling for the application, and none has been submitted.

Odour management plan – the application form states you have included an OMP, but none has been received. Please submit an updated OMP for the proposal. Please ensure there is a contingency plan included for abnormal operations, a complaints procedure and form, a commitment to routine odour monitoring, and yearly reviews (or whenever a substantiated complaint is received or operations and/or infrastructure change (whichever is sooner)).

You must send us the information by **25/09/2025** or sooner if at all possible please (ideally before my return on 24/09/2025 - see below for the dates I will be on leave).

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 get in touch with me as soon as possible (details below). Please note - I will be on leave 12/09/2025 - 23/09/2025 (inclusive).

Please reply directly to this email with your information and copy me in (by replying to all).

Yours sincerely, Kate

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