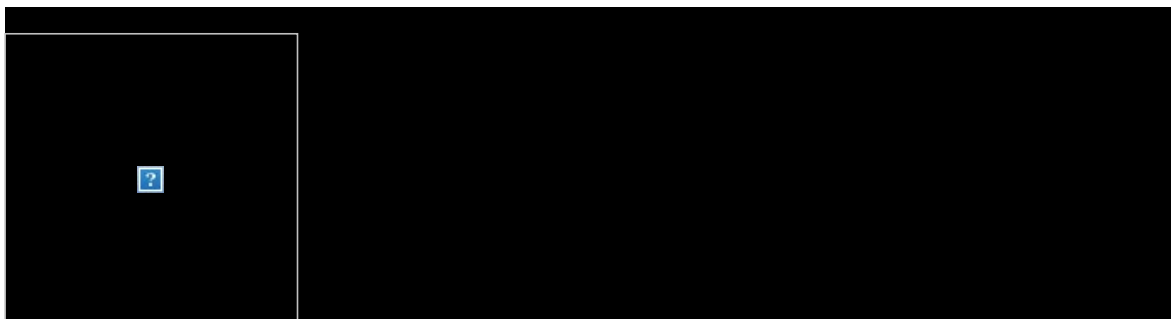


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Hi Steve

Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016

Application reference: EPR/WP3723LC/A001

Operator: SR Morgan & Sons

Facility: Marlbrook Hall Farm, Marlbrook Hall, Ludlow, SY8 2HR

Thank you for your application received on 17/07/2024.

I have finished an initial review of your application and supporting documents and require the following information and payment before it can be duly made:

1. Please clarify the proposed number of birds the application is for.

Note: There are discrepancies between the different documents; the pre-app ammonia screening and March 2024 modelling are both based on 97,000 birds, the non-technical summary and B3.5 state 87,305 birds, the site condition report (SCR) states 87,306 birds and the June 2024 modelling is based on 95,701 birds.

2. Please clarify the efflux velocity and height of both the high velocity ridge fans and the scrubber outlets.

Note: there are discrepancies between the different documents.

3. Ammonia modelling - you appear to have submitted two different ammonia modelling reports; March 2024 and June 2024. The March 2024 report refers to a current scenario of 8,000 birds in 1 house and a proposed scenario of 97,000 birds in 4 houses. The June 2024 report refers to a current scenario of 39,000 birds in 2 houses and a proposed scenario of 95,701 birds in 4 houses. The inputs and results differ, for example sections 3.5.2, Table 2, Table 3, Figure 4. In addition, the June 2024 report does not include preliminary modelling.

Please confirm which of the two reports we should be assessing and ensure all details and inputs are correct for that version.

4. In accordance with the guidance, [Environmental permitting: air dispersion modelling reports - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk), please submit the data input files associated with the correct ammonia modelling report.
5. Please confirm the split of birds across the 4 poultry houses.
6. Please confirm whether there is any effluent resulting from the egg packing area, and if so what it contains, maximum volumes per day and how it is disposed of.

7. With reference to Table 1.19 (1.19.2) of [The Environment Agency \(Environmental Permitting and Abstraction Licensing\) \(England\) Charging Scheme 2022 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#), a fixed charge of £779 is payable for a habitat assessment, as there are two Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) within the relevant screening distances. Please note that the additional fee must be paid in full before we can class the application as 'duly made'. Please provide the payment reference and payment date so that we can locate it on our systems.

8. Site drainage plan:

- Add the drainage route for lightly contaminated yard water, including the position of any diverter valves.
- Add any impermeable areas of ground.
- Ensure the boundary reflects that on the installation boundary plan.
- Label the fourth poultry house.

9. Installation boundary plan – label the poultry houses.

10. The SCR refers to Long Meadow Poultry and free-range rather than barn-reared hens. Please amend.

11. The OMP refers to free-range egg production rather than barn-reared. Please amend.

12. Please confirm whether the two dwellings located to the west of the installation boundary at NGRs SO 43609 70905 and SO 43584 70927 are lived in by the farm owner or farm staff. If not, please add them to the table of sensitive receptors.

13. Provide the following information with regards to the proposed ammonia abatement system for poultry houses 1 to 4:

- Abatement equipment description and size.
- Justify the choice of the proposed abatement system and explain why it will be effective in reducing ammonia emissions from the site. Include evidence of usage of the proposed abatement system within intensive farming applications and trial data at set abatement conditions showing effective ammonia abatement at a relevant volumetric gas flow rate and for relevant animal types.
- Ammonia reduction efficiency (%) of the system with evidence from manufacturers' data.

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

You must send us the information and payment by 23/10/24.

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-abstraction-licences-tables-of-charges>

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
Kate

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