**Appendix 5: Technical Standards**

**Operations**

The operation at East House farm will be in accordance with SGN EPR6.09 ‘How to comply with your environmental permit for intensive farming’.

**Feed**

Selection and use of feed is in accordance with SGN EPR6.09 ‘How to comply with your environmental permit for intensive farming’.

Protein is reduced over the growing cycle by providing different feeds.

Phosphorus levels in rations are reduced over the production cycle.

Feed storage bins are specifically designed to accommodate the required feeding regime.

**Housing**

Housing design and management is in accordance with SGN EPR6.09 ‘How to comply with your environmental permit for intensive farming’.

The housing is well insulated and the sheds have a damp proof course.

The sheds are fully insulated with a U-Value of approximately 0.4 W/m2/°C to reduce condensation and heat lost.

The sheds are fan ventilated with a fully littered floor equipped with non-leaking drinking systems. In each of six houses ventilation is provided by gable extraction fans in houses 3-6 with roof outlets for natural ventilation. New houses 7& 8 will have high velocity roof extraction fans and side inlets.

Litter is kept loose and friable, houses 7 & 8 will have a litter drying system. The quality is regularly inspected to ensure it does not become excessively wet or dry. Steps as described in SGN EPR6.09 ‘How to comply with your environmental permit for intensive farming’ will be taken to rectify any changes to the quality of the litter.

Temperature in the sheds meets the health and welfare needs for the age and number of the birds.

The fans are fitted with back draft shutters to prevent drafts and unnecessary heat loss.

The sheds are accessed via the control room/vestibule area, which prevent drafts.

A computer automatically controls ventilation so that humidity and temperature levels are kept at optimum.

The ventilation management system controls the ventilation rates depending on the health and welfare needs of the birds and the outside weather conditions.

**General Management**

In accordance with the management system at the farm, the buildings are regularly inspected and maintained. The floors and walls of the sheds are kept clean.

The site is regularly inspected and well maintained.

**Livestock Numbers and Movements**

A system is in place to record the number animal places and animal movements.

These records will be available for inspection.

**Slurry spreading and manure management planning - off site-activity**

Litter is stored at the installation in two 1000t litter stores.

Litter is spread on operator controlled land.

Any litter that is exported from the installation has records kept of the quantities, destination and the date of transfer to separate farming businesses.

Contingency arrangements are in place with surrounding farms to accept the manure in case of an emergency.

Litter is spread to operator land under a manure management plan in accordance with the Code of Good Agricultural Practice.

Wash water is spread on operator land.

**Improvement Program**

Not applicable, existing and new buildings are constructed to BAT.

**Emissions and Monitoring**

Table of emission points

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| **Emission point description/source and location** | **Source** |
| **Air** | |
| Gable fan outlets on Houses as shown on the site layout plan | Houses 3-6 |
| Roof Fans | Houses 7 & 8 |
| Exhaust | Biomass boiler |
| Oil Tank | Vent |
| Exhaust on generator as shown on site layout plan | Generator |
|  |  |
| **Land** | |
| French Drains | Clean roof and yard water |
|  |  |
| **Water** | |
| Discharge to ditch | Clean roof and yard water |

**Fugitive Emissions**

Appropriate measures for preventing and minimising fugitive emissions are in place in accordance with the SGN EPR6.09 ‘How to comply with your environmental permit for intensive farming’

Buildings are at BAT.

Areas around buildings will be kept free from build-up of manure, slurry and spilt feed.

Footbaths will be managed so that they do not overflow.

Drainage from animal housing and water from cleaning out will be collected in underground storage tanks as shown on the site drainage plan. Diverter bungs will be used during wash down periods to prevent the contamination of surface water systems and to divert the wash water to the dirty water tanks. Clean drainage systems will not be contaminated.

Drainage from yards contaminated by litter or wash water will be collected in a dirty water tanks.

The wash water tanks will be built to conform to specifications in SGN EPR6.09 ‘How to comply with your environmental permit for intensive farming’.

Spent disinfectants will be added to the dirty water collection tanks.

**Dust**

Feed is stored in purpose built covered feed silos located next to the poultry sheds.

Milling or mixing of feed takes place at the farm in a mobile mill already permitted as a DAA. Feed is blown directly from the lorry into the storage silos. Feed is piped from the silos to the sheds minimising dust emissions.

Ventilation systems are operated to achieve optimum humidity levels for the stage of production in all weather and seasonal conditions.

Control of minimum ventilation rates is planned to avoid the build-up of moisture in the house. Ventilation is appropriate to the age and weight of the animal.

The sheds are managed to maintain the poultry litter in as dry and friable condition as possible. Dust is controlled through the management of litter and air quality.

Rainwater run-off will be collected by French drains acting as soak-aways and an unlined attenuation pond prior to discharge to ditch.

Litter is stored on the site.

**Carcass management**

Fallen stock is disposed of in accordance with the current Animal By-Products Regulations. Carcasses will be stored in sealed vermin proof containers awaiting regular collection by a licensed collection agent. Records of dates, quantities and destination will be held on site.

**Flies/Pest Control**

A pest control contract will be in place using a specialist contractor. Appropriate actions will be put into place to prevent and control flies should a nuisance arise.

**Bunding and containment**

**Agriculture Fuel oil and other chemical storage**

The fuel oil storage tanks for the generator and back up boiler are bunded. The bund meet the requirements of the Water Resources (Control of Pollution) (Silage, Slurry and Agricultural Fuel Oil) Regulations 2010 (SSAFO Regulations) and meet the requirements outlined in SGN EPR6.09 ‘How to comply with your environmental permit for intensive farming’. The tank will be regularly inspected.

Pesticides and veterinary medicines will be kept in a store capable of retaining spillage, resistant to fire, dry, frost free and secure.

**Foodstuff**

Feed is kept in silos adjacent to the broiler sheds. No liquid feed is stored at the site.

The silos are sited away from site traffic and protected from collision damage by guard rails.

**Odour**

There are neighbours (sensitive receptor) within 400m of the farm.

In accordance with the SGN EPR6.09 ‘How to comply with your environmental permit for intensive farming’. See Odour management plan

**Noise and vibration**

There are neighbours (sensitive receptor) within 400m of the farm.

In accordance with the SGN EPR6.09 ‘How to comply with your environmental permit for intensive farming’. See Noise management plan