

Birch Tree Poultry Farm

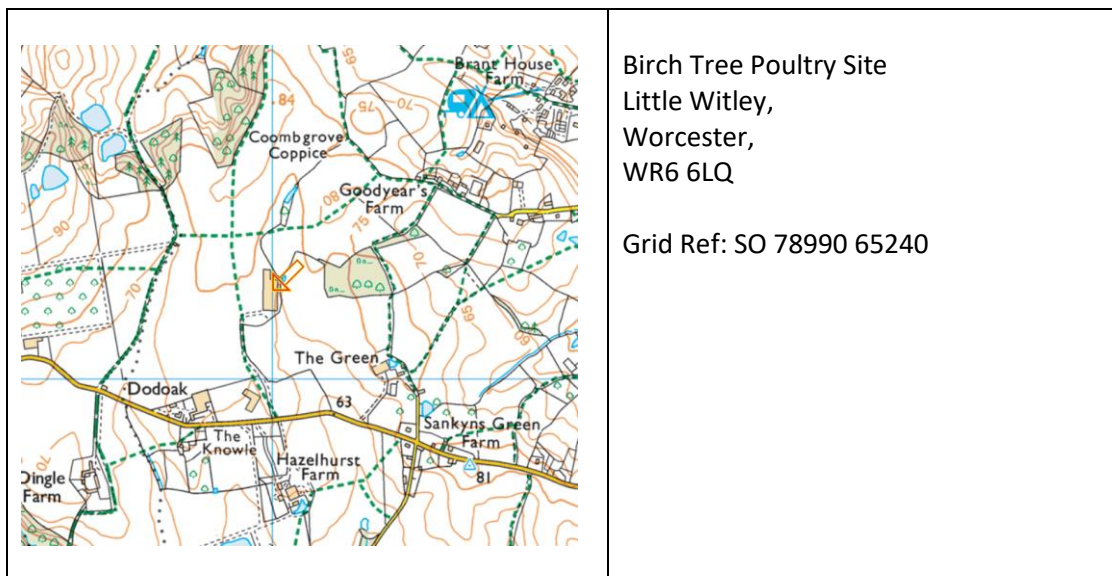
Environmental Permit – Non Technical Summary (CFL19 NTS)

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Non technical summary of the site

The permit application is submitted for the operation of an intensive poultry unit at Birch Tree Poultry Site. Details of the site location are given below:



The applicant has recently rented the site for 20 years from the site owner / landlord.

The site has 2 existing poultry houses, which have previously been used for housing 22,000 laying hens. It is now intended (with a third building under development) that the site will be capable of housing 39,000 hen pullets and 4,500 cockerels.

The pullets will be housed on site as day old chicks and raised to the “point of lay” at approximately 18 weeks old. The birds will then be transferred to one of the applicants laying sites.

Within the buildings the birds will be housed on wood shavings, which will be removed between flocks when the buildings will be fully cleaned and disinfected.

The ventilation on the buildings consists of air inlets on the sides of the buildings, with high velocity ridge fans exhausting air from the buildings.

Ammonia and Odour screening assessments have been undertaken and the levels reaching the surrounding receptors will have a betterment to those when the site contained laying hens.

The surface water drainage system on the site was reviewed, and the stormwater storage volumes have been increased to levels capable of storing a 6 hour 1 in 100 year storm with a 40% uplift for climate change for 2/3 of the site. The designs are complete for the remainder as part of a drainage improvement plan.

The operation of the site has been subject to an Environmental Risk Assessment and will be managed in accordance with Odour and Noise Management Plans.