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From: Stephen, Andrew
Sent: 06 June 2022 09:47
To: Ellie Stephenson
Subject: RE: Permit application - Populars Farm (EPR/GP3101LS/A001)

Hi Ellie

I've added a few comments and questions (in purple text) to your responses below. I trust they are self-explanatory but please come back to me if you have any questions.

Enjoy your annual leave.

Best regards
Andrew

From: Stephen, Andrew
Sent: 30 May 2022 14:48
To: Ellie Stephenson <Ellie.Stephenson@jsr.co.uk>
Subject: RE: Permit application - Populars Farm (EPR/GP3101LS/A001)

Hi Ellie

Thanks for your email. I'll take a look and come back to you as soon as I can.

Best regards
Andrew

From: Ellie Stephenson <Ellie.Stephenson@jsr.co.uk>
Sent: 30 May 2022 11:57
To: Stephen, Andrew <andrew.stephen@environment-agency.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Permit application - Populars Farm (EPR/GP3101LS/A001)

Hi Andrew,

Apologises that I missed your calls I was in and out of work last week I wasn't working on Wednesday / Friday so might have been that I didn't pick up the missed call.

I have put any questions or answers that I have already in red below if you could come back to me that would be great.

From: Stephen, Andrew <andrew.stephen@environment-agency.gov.uk>
Sent: 27 May 2022 14:21
To: Ellie Stephenson <Ellie.Stephenson@jsr.co.uk>
Subject: RE: Permit application - Populars Farm (EPR/GP3101LS/A001)

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Hi Ellie

I've tried to give you a call a couple of times this week to discuss the application but unfortunately I've been unable to reach you so thought it best to send an email.

The application cannot be duly made at this time, for the following reasons:

1. Application fees

- a) A habitats assessment will need to take place because there is a European site (River Derwent SAC) within 5km of the Installation boundary. Please submit an additional £779 (see Table 1.19 of the fees and charges scheme: 1.19.2 Habitats assessment (except where the application activity is a flood risk activity. £779).
- b) Please provide a Dust and Bioaerosol Management Plan (DBMP) and an additional £620 (See Table 1.19 of the fees and charges scheme: 1.19.9 Dust and bio-aerosol management plan. £620). Our guidance states that *'you will need to produce and submit a dust and bioaerosol management plan with your application if there are relevant receptors within 100 metres of your farm, such as the farmhouse or farm worker's houses. In your dust and bioaerosol management plan, you must give details of control measures you will use to manage the risks from dust and bioaerosols from your farm. Tables 1 and 2 and checklist 1 and 2 in ['assessing dust control measures on intensive poultry installations'](#) explain the methods you should use. The format of your dust and bioaerosol management plan should be similar to your [odour and noise management plan'](#)*. There appears to be a residential property within 100m, centred at grid reference 486741,477048. The address is POPLARS FARM, WEST KNAPTON, MALTON, YO17 6RL, the same address as presented in the application.

I will request payment this week so it should go through on Friday hopefully I will confirm once I have heard back from our accounts team and I will do a dust and bioaerosol management plan.

OK, thank you.

2. Slurry storage & manure storage

- a) Please confirm if the slurry stored in the house(s) with fully slatted floors and frequent slurry removal will be removed with a frequency of every 12 weeks or less and that slurry depths is kept at 800mm or less?

Yes slurry will be removed every 12 weeks and the slurry depth is less than 800m. Thank you for that confirmation.

- b) Please provide confirmation that there will be at least 6 months external slurry storage on site (please note as the dirty water tanks on the straw based gilt unit also receives farm yard manure (FYM) run-off, it is classed as slurry and a capacity of at least 6 months storage is required across the whole site).

There will be additional storage which is other JST slurry stores that are covered as we have room available for storage when required. Is this storage available at other JSR Farms? And will it amount to at least 6 months?

- c) Please confirm where the manure, which is removed from the gilt house is stored. Please provide a plan (see question 3a and 3b) which shows where manure/muck pad is located.

I will add this onto a site plan, I think it is on one I already sent over which shows where the midden is located for the manure to be stored for a couple of weeks until a third party farmer collects it. Apologies if I have missed this. If you have submitted this information already, please confirm which plan this can be found on.

3. Site layout plan and drainage plan

- a) Please provide a drainage plan for both the finisher unit(s) and the gilt unit. The plan should cover the following (although please note, all of the points below may not be relevant to your particular site):
 - buildings, and other main constructions, like treatment plants, incinerators, storage silos and security fences
 - storage facilities for hazardous materials like oil and fuel tanks, chemical stores, waste materials
 - location of items for use in accidents and emergencies, like absorbants for chemical spills
 - entrances and exits that can be used by emergency services
 - points designed to control pollution, for example inspection or monitoring points
 - trade effluent or sewage effluent treatment plants
 - effluent discharge points
 - land that you believe is contaminated, for example areas of your site that have previously been used for industrial purposes

Your plan must show your foul and combined drainage facilities marked in red and your surface water drainage, facilities marked in blue.

It must also show:

- the direction of flow of the water in the drain
- the location of discharge points to the sewer, watercourse or soakaway
- the location of manhole covers and drains
- the location of stop and diverter valves and interceptors

Please note that I acknowledge that you have submitted a engineering schematic drainage plan for the finisher unit but we would ideally also want a simpler representation of the plan showing some of the detail referred to above (in a similar format and presentation to that of the 'finisher unit layout plan' would be helpful).

You haven't responded to question 3(a) – when you refer to requesting site plans in question 3(b), does this apply to 3(a) as well?

- b) As well as a suitable drainage plan, please provide a layout plan for the gilt unit as you have presented for the new finisher unit.

I have requested site plans from the building company we use – they have said they can get them to be by the end of next week... I am holiday from Thursday next week until the Wednesday, I will try my best to get them to you on the Wednesday however I will be playing catch up and then I am on a training course all day Thursday and Friday.... Apologies I have got a busy diary for the next few weeks! No problem, just keep me informed as to how you are progressing with the information request.

4. **Carcass management**

The Technical Standards document state that carcasses are appropriately stored before they are collected and disposed of by a licenses and registered knackerman contractor. Where on site are they stored? Please identify this on the site plan(s) and re-submit.

I can add this on for the gilts, the storage bins are not at the finisher site yet so would you like this including as well? Please add this information for the gilts. Even if it is not currently on the finisher site yet, if you know where it is likely to be located, please still add it in, even if not currently present.

5. **Finisher buildings**

The non-technical summary states the following: *The existing gilt building will continue with its current purpose of rearing gilts for commercial breeding units. The gilts are delivered from a gilt multiplier at around 40kg to be reared on site until 90-100kg to then be delivered to our commercial breeding sites as replacement gilts. The new finisher unit will be built to BAT standard, there is planning for two finisher buildings in the long term as growouts for production pigs (from 30kg to 120kg), initially there is planning just for one finisher unit to be built. The pigs will arrive from a nursery to the new finisher growout building and they will remain here for up to 15 weeks until they leave for slaughter.*

In the site plan information it also states: *The site plan for the new finisher unit is currently for one unit as we are only planning to build one at this time and in the future there will be a second unit built therefore this isn't included in the site plan information submitted, however I have included the numbers for the permit with plans for the numbers to increase to this in the future.*

If you wish to have 4200 pigs included in the permit (to be housed in the new finisher houses), then we will need to include the associated housing and infrastructure or you will have reduce the pig numbers down to the appropriate level to that needed for one finisher unit, if you do not wish to include the second unit at the time of this application. Please provide details of the additional finisher house along with revised site plans (including a drainage plan for the new house and a plan(s) showing the revised installation boundary), revised site condition report and any other revision to the provided plans that is necessary or provide revised pig numbers, which can be accommodated within the one finisher house, if you do not at this time wish to include the second finisher house in your plans.

I have asked for this as well from the building company so this is the same situation as the drainage plans I will get it across to you as soon as I can but with holidays and when they can send it across to me might mean it is slightly delayed.

Ok, thank you.

6. Soakaways/attenuation pond

- a) Soakaways are referred to in the application. Are these within the installation boundary? Please confirm their location, ideally presented on the drainage plan for each location.
- b) I note there is an attenuation pond shown on the 'finisher unit layout plan'. What is the purpose of this pond?

The pond is there as a connection to some of the soakaways I believe I have asked for this to be included within the plans as how it connects etc.

Ok, thank you.

7. Site and applicant name

Please clarify the site name of the Installation and that the applicant is JSR Farms Ltd. Some of the documents refer to the site being named as Scampston Unit or Scampston Pig Unit (e.g Technical standards, OMP, etc.) and the name of the applicant as 'Scampston' (i.e. the site condition report) and other documents refer to the site name as Poplars Farm (i.e. application form B3.5) and the applicant as JSR Farms Ltd. Please amend the application documentation (Technical standards, OMP, etc.) as necessary clarifying this, making any amendments to the site name/applicant, as appropriate.

I will just double check the site name to be on the safe side but it will be Scampston not Populars.

Ok, thank you. It is important that there is consistency between the documentation as because the application is a New Bespoke, it will be advertised on our website and we will consult with statutory consultees.

If you want to ring me about anything if its easier please do 😊

Thanks
Ellie

Please send the information to myself, but also copying in P&SC (quoting the application reference number):
psc@environment-agency.gov.uk.

Please send the information and payment within 10 working days of this letter. Details of how to pay are given in Part F of the application form – please do not submit any payments to myself, as I am not able to accept and process payments. If we do not receive the information and payment within 10 working days we will return your application. However, please let me know if you are having problems getting the information and fee together within 10 working days, and we can arrange an extension.

If we do receive the requested information and payment within 10 working days (or within any timescale agreed with myself), we'll 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 letter or 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 and requesting information. 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-permitting-charging-scheme-2019>

Please let me know if you have any questions. Next week I'm available on Monday and Tuesday should you need to speak with me, but I'm on leave on Wednesday and it's the bank holiday Thursday and Friday. I'm available all of the following week, the week commencing 6 June.

Best regards
Andrew

From: Ellie Stephenson <Ellie.Stephenson@jsr.co.uk>
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Cc: Cummins, Kate <kate.cummins@environment-agency.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Permit application - Populars Farm (EPR/GP3101LS/A001)

Hi Andrew,

Thank you for emailing and letting me know – no urgent questions, just let me know if you need any other information or have any questions when going through the permit application.

Have a good week off!

Thanks
Ellie

From: Stephen, Andrew <andrew.stephen@environment-agency.gov.uk>
Sent: 11 May 2022 16:41
To: Ellie Stephenson <Ellie.Stephenson@jsr.co.uk>
Cc: Cummins, Kate <kate.cummins@environment-agency.gov.uk>
Subject: Permit application - Populars Farm (EPR/GP3101LS/A001)

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Dear Ellie

I wanted to let you know that I have been allocated an application you have submitted on behalf of JSR Farms Ltd for Populars Farm – EPR/GP3101LS/A001. I apologise to you for the delay in this application being picked up.

I have just been allocated the application so I have no questions or comments at this stage but wanted to let you know the application had been picked up. I'll be in touch in due course.

Please note I am on leave next week but should you have any urgent questions in my absence, my colleague Kate Cummins will be able to assist you.

Kind regards
Andrew

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