##### Noise Management Plan

**Farm name:** Field House Farm

**Operator:** John Tindall and Son

**Permit number:** EPR/AP3727SU/A001

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**Introduction**

This bespoke Noise Management Plan (NMP) has been prepared to support the overall Environmental Management System in place at Field House Farm. The overriding principle of this NMP is to ensure the day-to-day activities are carried out in accordance with this document to help minimise the overall environmental impact. There is one sensitive receptor within 100m distance of the installation boundary which is a farmhouse residence and agricultural buildings which are owned by the operators of the site. There are also two other sensitive receptors within 400m of the installation boundary which are both residential properties.

There have been no previous noise complaints related to Field House Farm.

**Setting**

The surrounding area is mainly large arable fields, field boundary hedgerows and pockets of woodland. The landscape is relatively flat to gently undulating. The nearest village is just within 1.4km at its nearest point and the village of West Heslerton is within 2.8km at its nearest point.

Please refer to Appendix 4 for the site plans.

Figure 1 shows the location of the installation and of the receptors within 400m which have been considered in this noise management plan.

Figure 1: Sensitive receptors

Table 1: Locations of Sensitive Receptors

 UK Grid Reference Finder

Table 2: Distances from installation boundary to nearest points of domestic curtilage

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| Receptor | Description | Distance (metres) |
| 1 | Field House Farm (farmhouse residence)  | 27 |
| 2 | Grange Farm  | 384 |
| 3 | Lilac Farm  | 282 |

The purpose of this Noise Management Plan is to:

* Establish the likely source of noises arising from the farm
* Set out procedures at the farm in order to mitigate or minimise the risk of noise
* Formalise an effective method of dealing with any noise complaints quickly and efficiently.

This plan will be reviewed in the light of any building and management changes, and on the outcome of investigations into the cause of any future noise complaints, if any occur.

Any noise complaints will be recorded and investigated using the Noise Complaint Report Form contained within Technical Guidance Note IPPC SRG 6.02 (Farming) Noise Management at Intensive Livestock Installations.

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| **No. ref** | **Noise Problem** | **Actions taken to prevent or minimise noise** | **Completion Date** |
| 1 | Feeding Pigs  | Ad-lib system, so no spikes in noise and pig activity due to feeding times.  | In place. |
| 2 | Feed delivery | Blower and vacuum type delivery vehicles fitted with low noise units. | In place |
| 3 | Feed preparation | No milling and mixing operations carried out on site. All bought-in feed. | In place |
| 4 | Pig moving | Pigs only moved during the day and maintained in stable batches | In place |
| 5 | Pig loading, in and out | Few movements as possible. Short duration. Aim to minimise animal stress. All-in-all-out batch system means that loading in and out is not on a continuous basis through the year. | In place |
| 6 | Bedding pens | Loader used for transport, engine revs kept low, effective silencer. Mainly during working day, limited at weekends/bank holidays. | In place |
| 7 | Mucking out | Loader used for scraping and transport, engine revs kept low. Mainly during working day, limited at weekends/bank holidays.  | In place |
| 8 | Slurry/Dirty water tanker filling and emptying | Dirty water stores located at furthest points from nearest receptors. Tanker filling only when necessary and appropriate. All equipment regularly serviced and operated to current standards and optimum efficiency. | In place |
| 9 | Manure loading/transport and spreading | Infrequent activity as manure exported directly.Engine revs kept low where possible. All equipment regularly serviced and operated to current standards. | In place |
| 11 | Delivery of supplies and materials | Typically small deliveries during normal working hours by arrangement. Low perceived impact. | In place |
| 12 | Ventilation | Natural ventilation in existing buildings. New buildings fan ventilated with high-speed roof fans.  | N/A |
| 13 | Vehicles operating within installation boundary | Operations mainly carried out during normal working hours. Vehicles maintained in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations, and defective silencers replaced. Audible reversing signals required for safety purposes.Yards maintained to repair holes. | In place |
| 14 | Alarms | There will be an alarm system fitted.  | In place |

**Summary**

Noise levels are assessed daily by operators or their staff. One operator lives on site.

We have always worked hard to minimise our impact on our closest receptors and as a result have not had any complaints about noise in relation to Field House Farm. We continually assess management techniques to improve our control of noise pollution.

This plan will be reviewed in the light of any building and management changes, and on the outcome of investigations into the causes of any future complaints, if any occur.

Any noise complaints will be reported to the operators who will log and investigate causes of all complaints; identifying the source of the noise issue and monitoring noise levels at the site boundary as part of the investigation. The complaint details and subsequent investigation will be recorded on the site complaint form and a copy will be kept in the site office.

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**Appendix 1**