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**Attachments:** BAT document.docx; Appendix3\_Site\_condition\_report.docx; Appendix6B-Dust\_and\_Bioaerosol\_Plan.docx; Appendix4\_environmental\_risk\_assessment.docx; New Boundary.jpeg; Sensitive Receptors (Woodbine).jpeg

Hello

Please see notes below and additional attachments. Sorry for the delay in getting this all to you!

The payment of £620 will be sent today also.

Hope everything is ok?

Thank you for your help.

Anna

On 16/08/2023 10:17 BST SM-Defra-RESP-notifications (DEFRA) <resp-notifications@defra.gov.uk> wrote:



Dear Anna Wardle

**Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016**

**Application reference: EPR/WP3325SE/A001**

**Operator: CROOKED DALE EGGS LIMITED**

**Facility: DALE FARM, Cottam Lane, Langtoft, Drifffield, East Yorkshire, YO25 3BX**

Thank you for your application received on 05/07/2023.

I'm going to be the permitting officer dealing with the above application, all my contact details are below. I've just got a few questions I could do with a response on please.

1. Dust and bioaerosol management plan additional fee

Please supply the additional application payment for your dust and bioaerosol management plan of £620. The full charging information can be found at the following link [Environmental permits and abstraction licences: tables of charges - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environmental-permits-and-abstraction-licences-tables-of-charges), see charging reference 1.19.9 for further details. I can't take this payment directly myself sorry, so can you make this payment as listed below and let me know the reference number and date it was paid.

## Payment

You must submit an application fee with your application. For guidance on the fee and how to pay your charges, please see our charging guidance (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environmental-permitting-charges-guidance>) and associated links to the current charging schedule or contact us using one of the options in section 17.

There is an annual subsistence charge to cover the costs we incur in the ongoing regulation of the permit.

Tick below to show how you have paid.

- Cheque
- Credit or debit card
- Electronic transfer (BACS or CHAPS)

If you are applying for a number of farms the combined fees can be paid through a single transaction by one of the following methods:

### Cheques

You should make cheques or postal orders payable to 'Environment Agency' and make sure they have 'A/c Payee' written across them if it is not already printed on.

Please write the name of your company and application reference number on the back of your cheque or postal order. We will not accept cheques with a future date on them.

### Credit/debit cards

If you are paying by credit or debit card we will call you. We can accept payments by Visa, MasterCard or Maestro card only.

- Call me to arrange payment by debit or credit card

### Electronic transfer (BACS)

If you choose to pay by electronic transfer, you will need to use the following information to make your payment:

Company name	Environment Agency
Company address	SSCL (Environment Agency), PO Box 797, Newport, Gwent, NP10
Bank	RBS/NatWest
Address	London Corporate Service Centre, CPB Services, 2nd Floor, 280 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4RB
Sort code	60-70-80
Account number	10014411
Account name	EA RECEIPTS
Payment reference number	PSCAPPXXXXYYY

You need to create your own reference number. It should begin with PSCAPP (to reflect that the application is for a permitted activity) and it should include the first five letters of the company name (replacing the X's in the above reference number) and a unique numerical identifier (replacing the Y's in the above reference number). The reference number that you supply will appear on our bank statements.

You should also email your payment details and reference number to [ea\\_fsc\\_ar@gov.sscl.com](mailto:ea_fsc_ar@gov.sscl.com).

## 2. BAT document

Please provide a statement regarding BAT compliance at Dale Farm and what monitoring you will undertake to ensure compliance with BAT. The full BAT document can be viewed here for further information; [COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION \(EU\) 2017/ 302 - of 15 February 2017 - establishing best available techniques \(BAT\) conclusions, under Directive 2010/ 75/ EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, for the intensive rearing of poultry or pigs - \(notified under document C\(2017\) 688\) \(europa.eu\)](#). If easier you could provide a supporting document with this information. **Please see attached document.**

## 3. Standby generator

- Please confirm that the standby generator is only used as a temporary power source if there's main power failure. **The generator is only used as a temporary power source if the main power fails.**
- What is the capacity of the generator as thermal input in MWth or KWth? **Our generator is 65KW.**
- Please confirm that the standby generator is not tested more than 52 hours per annum. I've noticed that your Raw materials quantities document says it runs 2 hours a week, please amend this document to 1 hour per week if that is the case. **Amended - please find attached amended Raw Materials document.**
- Please confirm if the standby generator will not exceed 500 hours of use per annum averaged over 3 years. **Our generator will not exceed 500 hours per annum.**
- Are there any sensitive human receptors within 50m? **Our onsite caravan, which is occupied by our employee. Our generator is only tested in "working hours" - 1300 - 1400 weekly.**

## 4. Site condition report

Please update the National Grid Reference and add a date to the site condition report. **Amended document attached.**

## 5. Ventilation from poultry houses

Can I just check my interpretation of your ventilation from all the poultry houses. Clean air comes into the poultry houses via roof chimneys inlets and fresh air inlets on the side of the poultry buildings, and will exit naturally via the popholes at the side of the buildings and via

the gable end fans. If this is not correct please explain further. **This is exactly right.**

## 6. Site drainage

a) Can I check my interpretation of your drainage plan is correct?

- For poultry houses 4 & 5, the roof water and yard water (excluding times yards are contaminated e.g. catching, mucking out or washing) goes to French drains running adjacent to these houses acting as soakaways. These French drains then overflow to a soakaway northeast of poultry houses 4 & 5. **Yes this is correct, however im not sure id call the "French drains" (i could be wrong!) the drains are perforated drainage pipes.**

- For poultry house 6, the roof water and yard water (excluding times yards are contaminated e.g. catching, mucking out or washing) goes to crate soakaways. The crate soakaways do not overflow to anywhere else. **They do not overflow to anywhere else. However in the car park we have a clean water drain.**

- There are no discharges or overflows from the soakaways to watercourses. **None**

- Contaminated water will be collected in the dirty water tanks. **This is correct - we have 2 on site.**

b) Can you please provide a statement regarding the drainage near the muck belts and muck collection trailer. I presume this drainage will not enter the French drains or crate soakaway systems. **No water will be near any of the muck collection points - The muck is removed from the shed via a belt which then goes straight into a on site trailer. The trailer is the removed off site once this process is complete. The drainage does not enter any of the soakaways.**

## 7. Odour and Noise Management Plan

a) Your odour and noise management plan has to include all sensitive receptors within 400m of the installation boundary (this does not include the operator's property and other people associated with the farm operations as odour and noise are amenity issues, therefore will not include the caravan on site). From a quick check I think you only need to add Woodbine Farm as a sensitive receptor to your odour and noise management plans, please include its distance from the installation boundary and the national grid reference of its location.

b) Within your odour management plan could you add additional sections for ventilation and heating systems if applicable.

c) Within your odour management plan could you add a section about what odour monitoring will be undertaken for compliance with BAT 26. See the following link [COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION \(EU\) 2017/ 302 - of 15 February 2017 - establishing best available techniques \(BAT\) conclusions, under Directive 2010/ 75/ EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, for the intensive rearing of poultry or pigs - \(notified under document C\(2017\) 688\) \(europa.eu\)](#). **Please see attached plan. Woodbine Farm is 424m away - please could you advise if this still needs to be included in the O&NMP?**

## 8. Installation boundary

The installation boundary should also include the ranging areas for the birds when they go outside. Does the red boundary line in the attached site plan (submitted with this application) include the ranging areas? If not please extend the boundary line so its included. **Amended document attached.**

## 9. New shed and existing shed – emissions points site plan

Please mark the location of the oil/diesel tank on this site plan. **We do not have a oil / diesel tank on site.**

## 10. Start date for permit

Your subsistence fee for your permit will start on the date the permit is issued unless we add a start date to the permit. I know poultry house 6 has not been constructed yet, if you would like me to add a start date to the permit can you let me know what you would like it to be? You will have a chance to amend this date before the permit is issued (when you will see a copy of the draft permit). The full charging information can be found at the following link [Environmental permits and abstraction licences: tables of charges - GOV.UK](#)

[www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)), see table 2.14 for the subsistence charge. **Whatever you think is best please? We are housing birds into the new shed in January 2024.**

Although not required for duly making, I have the following further queries to ask, if you can answer these at this stage then it may help to reduce the determination time.

a) Dust and bioaerosol management plan

Please revise your dust and bioaerosol management plan as follows:

- Add the caravan as a sensitive receptor to the dust management plan, include its distance from the installation boundary and the national grid reference of its location. **Please see amended Dust Management Plan.**
- Gable ends fans are mentioned under feed bins, think this needs moving to the ventilation section. **Sorry - im confused by this one...**
- You've got three lines for vehicles, not sure these are going to be a major issue in relation to dust, maybe summarise in just one line.
- Expand the feed section to include no feed milling on site and to expand on feed delivery.
- Add a section for bedding material to include bedding type/depth/application to reduce dust.
- Add a section on litter management about keeping it dry and removing it by belts and about storage of litter outside the houses to minimise dust.
- Add a section on house cleaning and how you do that to minimise dust.
- The document currently mentions 'chimneys' which could lead to confusion (maybe re-word as chimney roof inlets).

b) Borehole for birds

The application mentions a borehole within the installation boundary, and says this water is predominately used for livestock drinking and washing down between flocks (it is not used for the caravan on site which is mains water).

- If this borehole is for more than 20m<sup>3</sup>/day you will require a permit from us. I can provide more information on this if required. **We will not require an abstraction license.**
- Please confirm if this borehole is protected from pollution risks such as dirty wash water/yard water, are there measures in place to prevent contamination of the borehole etc. **The borehole has a small built up wall made of breezeblocks (with insulation to prevent frost damage) with a secure man hole cover on the top. It is far enough away from the site to cause any pollution risks.**

c) Environmental risk assessment - Amended document attached

I've noticed some typo's in your environmental risk assessment so please check it over and resubmit:

- You've listed the onsite caravan as a receptor, might be good to expand on this and say something like 'Neighbouring dwellings within 400m of Installation and Surrounding Land and Vegetation' where applicable.
- The pest section mentions farrowing house and slurry and manure heaps.
- Spillage of slurry, manure, feed, biomass pellets and fuel due to operator error when loading and unloading section, there is no biomass pellets or slurry here.
- Spillage when loading and emptying incinerator of non SRM material section, no incinerator here, delete this line.

d) Septic tank

I've noticed the site layout plan there is a septic tank marked. Can you confirm if this discharge will comply with the general binding rules at the following link: [Small sewage discharges in England: the general binding rules - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk). I can confirm this point is not in a source protection zone 1 or within the relevant distance of habitat sites. If you can comply with the general binding rules a water discharge permit is not required. **Yes - this does comply.**

e) Poultry house numbering

I've noticed your supporting documents refers to the two poultry houses, as houses 4&5 and houses 6. I plan to number them the same in the permit (rather than number them as house

1 and 2) so it will be consistent with the supporting document. Let me know if you are happy with this approach. **Yes please - thank you**

Please reply directly to this email with your information and copy in [liz.topping@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:liz.topping@environment-agency.gov.uk).

Please send the information and payment within 10 working days of this e-mail. Details of how to pay are given in Part F of the application form (and copied above).

If you have any questions please email [liz.topping@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:liz.topping@environment-agency.gov.uk). I look forward to receiving your response.

Yours sincerely,  
Liz Topping

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