

Reference D – Non Technical Summary

Broachdale Hens is operated by Mr Bradley of Broachdale Birds Ltd.

Broachdale Hens currently has the capacity for 24,000 laying hens with an additional 104,000 proposed. There will be two housing and ranging areas which are self contained, each will have 64,000 birds. There will be 4 houses, each house will hold 16,000 birds at each site. The houses are aviary systems. The two sites will be acting as one installation with the same operator and same farm management plans although there will be designated staff for each of the sites. The 24,000 birds that are currently on site are in 2 houses with 12,000 in each. These 2 houses are going to be revamped and extended as detailed above.

The birds would come to us at 16 weeks old and stay 56 weeks, making them 72 weeks at destock. Clean out would be around 4 to 6 weeks.

The site is a purpose built facility with appropriate drainage and ventilation. The fans are high velocity fans, 9m/s. The buildings are made up of insulated composite panels and a solid concrete floor.

Solid manure is exported off site at least twice a week, no manure is stored on site at any time throughout the year.

Clean water from the roof and yard goes to soakaways with in the installation boundary for both sites. Dirty water and wash water is collected in a 50,000l tank at the end of each shed. There is also a small grate and tank that will collect dirty water from around the muck belt.

Feed is delivered and stored on site in fully enclosed bins. Diets are formulated according to the hens requirements at different stages of lay. Water is provided via nipples in a way that minimises spillage.

Carcasses are removed off site by an approved fallen stock company, in accordance with fallen stock requirements.

The closest village to Broachdale Farm is Kilham. The grid references for the two installations are TA03947 67449 and TA04435 67881. The grid reference for the centre of the whole farm is TA04156 67710.