

Non-technical summary v5 Jan 25

North Farm

Application Reference: EPR/HP3330AY/V005

Farm name: North Farm Applicant: Sellmor Farming Limited

North Farm is an existing poultry farm housing 96,000 free-range laying hens. And is adding 64,000 free range layers to the permit. These will be housed in buildings A and B. Sheds A and B are located 650m from the existing permit boundary.

The site is situated in a rural area, located at National Grid Reference SE483246, 444161. The additional poultry shed is approximately 0.8 hectares in size.

There are no Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) or Special Protection Areas (SPA) within 5km of the site.

Production stock is brought onto the farm from a specialist supply company.

Stock is housed in purpose built buildings and bedded on dried grass and /or straw as required. Houses 1&2 have gable end fans. Houses 3&4 & A&B have gable end and roof mounted fans.

Solid manure is stored in arable field sites as well as a proposed well ventilated covered manure store with a capacity of 500t within the installation boundary.

Specific details of housing and facilities are included within the buildings inventory (Technical Standards B3.5 8a). All houses are naturally ventilated.

Dry feed is stored and on site in sealed feed bin containers; dry pelleted and meal feed rations are purchased. All diets are carefully formulated to match the production stage. Nipple drinkers are used and water consumption is monitored.

These measures are intended to reduce the production and emission of ammonia odours and dust and to prevent liquids escaping to the environment. This in turn should reduce the environmental impact of the farming activities.

The majority of the solid manure is collected for land spreading. In accordance with the requirements of the manure management plan. The manure is stored in buildings under cover and in in-field heaps. The plan details the methods and timing of the operation to minimise the risk of pollution and the need to source manufactured fertilisers.