**Dust Management Plan**

**Marl Farm Poultry unit**

Marl Farm Poultry unit operations have sensitive receptors within 400m of the site boundary. The nearest, being operator owned being some 10m in a westerly direction.

The main possible dust sources/operations are listed below:

1. Feed Deliveries
2. Feeding Systems
3. Bedding
4. Litter management
5. Stock inspections
6. Ventilation
7. Clean out Operations
8. Bird numbers

 A table listing these sources with measures to control/reduce dust emissions is listed below.

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| **Source** | **Method** | **Reduction Technique** | **Implementation** |
| Feed | Feed delivery to SilosFeed millingFeed TypeFeed IngredientsFeed delivery systemFeed spillages | Vents from silos covered to prevent release to atmosphereNo milling undertakenUse of pelleted feedOil coating on pelletSome use of maize within dietsSealed pipe delivery into poultry houses, free fall of feed into hoppers minimised, pan feeding system on timed feeding preventing over feedingAny feed spills cleared up immediately. | In placeN/AContinuousContinuousLimited as not in operator controlIn placeContinuous to prevent dust or potential contamination of water course |
| Bedding | Bedding Type | Use of dust extracted shavings | In place |
|  | Bedding depthBedding application | Sufficient layer to absorb moisture produced during crop cycleBase layer spread inside houses with minimum ventilation running, top up bedding in sealed plastic bales | In placeIn place |
| Litter Management | Excessive dry litter | Computer controlled environment | Relative humidity controlled between 55 and 65% keeping balance between dust and odour production |
| Stock inspections | Increased bird activity | Stock inspections by trained personnel | Light levels reduced to prevent birds panicking and reduced stress |
| Ventilation | Ventilation Type | Use roof extraction fans on houses 1 - 5 | In place on all houses increasing dispersion/concentration |
| House Cleaning | Dust production during de littering/cleaning operations | No double handling of litter, trailers parked close to doors, litter tipped carefully into trailers, trailers sheeted prior to leaving site.Care taken during cleaning process to minimise both release of dust to atmosphere and escape of contaminated waterExhaust vents washed under low pressure minimising dust release to atmosphere and lightly contaminated water to drainage system | In place/continuousIn place/continuous |
| Bird numbers | Stocking Density | Stocking rate determined by integrator | N/A |

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Plan to be reviewed every four years or following a substantiated complaint, with Area officer being notified of any changes for approval.

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