

Natural Resources Wales permitting decisions

Bespoke permit

We have decided to grant the permit for Land at Great Campston Farm operated by Mr Joshua Braid and Mrs Alivia Braid.

The application number is PAN-002941

The permit number is EPR/BB3094ZD

The permit regulates a new discharge of used Organophosphate sheep dip twice a year, once in July & once in August spread onto land. Max. volume of spreading activity in one day will be 0.8m³ used dip diluted to a minimum ratio of 3:1 with water or slurry totalling 3.8m³/d. The minimum area required for the discharge is 0.19 ha with an available 2 ha at the site.

We consider in reaching that decision we have taken into account all relevant considerations and legal requirements and that the permit will ensure that the appropriate level of environmental protection is provided.

Purpose of this document

This decision document:

- explains how the application has been determined
- provides a record of the decision-making process
- shows how all relevant factors have been taken into account
- justifies the specific conditions in the permit other than those in our generic permit template.

Unless the decision document specifies otherwise we have accepted the applicant's proposals.

Structure of this document

- Annex 1 the decision checklist
- Annex 2 the consultation responses

Annex 1: decision checklist

This checklist should be read in conjunction with the Duly Making checklist.

Aspect	Justification / Detail	Criteria met
		Yes
Consultation		
Scope of consultation	The consultation requirements were identified and implemented. The decision was taken in accordance with RGN 6 High Profile Sites, our Public Participation Statement and our Working Together Agreements.	✓
Responses to web publicising and consultation	No responses were received following web publicising. The consultation responses (Annex 2) were taken into account in the decision. The decision was taken in accordance with our guidance.	✓
Operator		
Control of the facility	We are satisfied that the applicant (now the operator) is the person who will have control over the operation of the facility after the grant of the permit. The decision was taken in accordance with EPR RGN 1 Understanding the meaning of operator.	✓
European Directives		
Applicable directives	All applicable European directives have been considered in the determination of the application.	✓
The site		
Extent of the site of the facility	The operator has provided a plan which we consider is satisfactory, showing the extent of the site of the facility including discharge points. A plan is included in the permit and the operator is required to carry on the permitted activities within the site boundary.	✓
Biodiversity, Heritage, Landscape and Nature Conservation and a designated site under the CRoW Act.	The application is within the relevant distance criteria of a site of heritage, landscape or nature conservation, and/or protected species or habitat . A full assessment of the application and its potential to affect the site has been carried out as part of the permitting process. We consider that the application will not affect the features of the site.	✓

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		Yes
	Formal consultation has been carried out with Monmouthshire County Council ecologist. The consultation responses (Annex 2) were taken into account in the permitting decision.	
Environmental Risk Assessment and operating techniques		
Environmental risk	<p>We have carried out a risk assessment on behalf of the operator.</p> <p>The operator considers this risk assessment is satisfactory.</p> <p>The assessment shows that, applying the conservative criteria in our guidance on Environmental Risk Assessment, all emissions may be categorised as environmentally insignificant.</p>	✓
Operating techniques	<p>We have reviewed the techniques used by the operator and compared these with the relevant guidance notes.</p> <p>Operator proposed measures comply with EPR 7.01 and accepted practice detailed in Sheep dip: groundwater protection code.</p> <p>The proposed techniques / emission levels for priorities for control are in line with the benchmark levels contained in the TGN and we consider them to represent appropriate techniques for the facility.</p>	✓
The permit conditions		
Considerations of foul sewer	We agree with the operators justification for not connecting to foul sewer.	✓
Operator Competence		
Environment Management System	There is no known reason to consider that the operator will not have the management systems to enable it to comply with the permit conditions. The decision was taken in accordance with RGN 5 on Operator Competence.	✓
Sustainable Management of Natural Resources (SMNR)		
Considerations of SMNR - Compliance	We are satisfied that this decision is compatible with our general purpose of pursuing the sustainable management of natural resources in relation to Wales	✓

Aspect	Justification / Detail	Criteria met
		Yes
with our General Purpose	and applying the principles of sustainable management of natural resources.	

Annex 2: Consultation responses

Summary of responses to consultation advertising and the way in which we have taken these into account in the determination process.

Response received from
Monmouthshire County Council
Brief summary of issues raised
Concerns with the proposal to discharge organophosphates into the area due to its proximity to the River Trothy SINC and potential impacts on the qualifying features of the watercourse.
Summary of actions taken or show how this has been covered
In order to protect the SINC and the surrounding environment from any potential impact NRW have a number of standard conditions in sheep dip permits which the operator must comply with. Monmouthshire County Council confirmed that subject to inclusion of the conditions they would have no objections to the permit.