

## Natural Resources Wales Permitting Decisions

# Hook2Sisters Limited (Pen y Ffridd Poultry Unit)

## Decision Document

### Application for a Full Surrender

**The application number is: PAN-027212**

**The surrender number is: EPR/CP3338WX/S003**

**The applicant / operator is: Hook2Sisters Limited**

**The Installation is located at: Pen y Ffridd, Saron, Denbigh, Denbighshire, LL16 4SW**

### 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

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

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# 1. Executive summary

## 1.1. Application summary

The applicant no longer wishes to hold the permit as poultry rearing operations at the site have ceased. We consider this application to be consistent with the requirements of a low-risk surrender, and therefore have treated it as such.

## 1.2. Our decision

We have decided to accept the surrender of the permit for Pen y Ffridd Poultry Unit operated by Hook2Sisters Limited.

We are satisfied that the necessary measures have been taken to avoid any pollution risk and to return the site to a satisfactory state.

We consider in reaching that decision we have taken into account all relevant considerations and legal requirements.

# 2. Receipt of the application

The application was accepted as duly made on 15/10/2024. This means we considered it was in the correct form and contained sufficient information for us to begin our determination, but not that it necessarily contained all the information we would need to complete that determination.

# 3. Confidential information

The applicant made no claim for commercial confidentiality, and we have not received information in relation to the application that appears to be confidential in relation to any party.

# 4. Legislation

The surrender will be granted, under Regulation 25 of the EPR. The Environmental Permitting regime is a legal vehicle which delivers most of the relevant legal requirements for activities falling within its scope. In particular, the regulated facility is:

- an *installation* as described by the IED;
- subject to aspects of the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 which also have to be addressed.

We address the legal requirements directly where relevant in the body of this document. NRW is satisfied that the decision on this application is consistent with its general purpose of pursuing the sustainable management of natural resources (SMNR) in relation to Wales and applying the principles of SMNR. In particular, NRW acknowledges that it is a principle of sustainable management to take action to prevent significant damage to ecosystems. We consider that, in granting the surrender a high level of protection will be delivered for the environment and human health. NRW is satisfied that this decision is compatible with its general purpose of pursuing the sustainable management of natural resources in relation to Wales and applying the principles of sustainable management of natural resources.

## 5. The Site

### 5.1 Pollution risk

We are satisfied that the necessary measures have been taken to avoid a pollution risk resulting from the operation of the regulated facility.

The applicant supplied a Compliance Assessment Report (CAR) form with their application detailing the findings of NRW's inspections of the sites in August 2023. The CAR form confirms that the site has been de-populated and decommissioned, and that only minor housekeeping issues were encountered (some rubbish removal and improvements needed in site security).

Discussion with the NRW inspector for the site confirm that these issues have been addressed and that NRW was not notified of any major pollution incidents during the lifetime of the permit.

## 5.2 Satisfactory state

We are satisfied that the necessary measures have been taken to return the site of the regulated facility to a satisfactory state.

In coming to this decision, we have had regard to the state of the site before the facility was put into operation.

The applicant supplied a Site Condition Report with their application. This follows the structure outlined in our H5 guidance on Site Condition Reports<sup>1</sup> and broadly concurs with that outlined in Section 5.1.

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<sup>1</sup> [Environmental Permitting Regulations , Guidance for applicants H5, Site Condition Report, Guidance and Template](#)