

OGN 200 Form 1B

Record of a Habitats Regulations Assessment

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A separate version of this form is available with guidance notes on how to complete it. You should refer to those notes when using this form.

Plan or project name, brief description or application reference number	Rhosddu Farm Poultry Unit EPR Installations permit substantial variation application (application reference PAN-025564).
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1 Plan or Project Details

Information about the plan or project		
1	Date application received	Duly made 30/01/2025
2	Applicant details	Martyn Langford
3	NRW team responsible for carrying out, or requiring to be carried out, the plan or project, and name of lead officer	N/A
4	Activity/ies proposed	<p>The site is currently permitted under permit number EPR/AB3095HL for a Section 6.9 A(1)(a) activity (rearing of poultry or pigs intensively in an installation with more than 40,000 places for poultry).</p> <p>The existing permit allows for a maximum of 56,000 free-range laying birds. The operator has submitted an application to increase the permitted number of free-range laying birds from 56,000 to 64,000, representing an increase of 8,000 birds.</p> <p>Currently, the site features three houses: two multi-tier (aviary) houses and one flat-deck (perchery) house. To accommodate this increase, the operator has also requested the removal of the existing 16,000-bird flat-deck house, with plans to replace it with a new 24,000-bird multi-tier house. The manure from this new aviary house will be removed via a manure belt twice per week, as opposed to the current method of collecting manure in a deep pit within the flat-deck house. This modification is expected to reduce ammonia and odour emissions, even with the increased bird numbers.</p> <p>Additionally, the operator is requesting an expansion of the site's permit boundary to include additional ranging areas.</p>

5	Relevant legislation or statutory basis	Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 (EPR) The Industrial Emissions Directive (IED)
6	Location	Rhosddu Farm, Llansantffraid-ym-Mechain, Powys, SY22 6TH
7	Plan or project documents, including any application documents	Refer to site's DMS folder for all application forms and supporting information: EPR-BB3599CW (documents prefixed with PAN-026558)
8	Environmental Statement	N/A
9	Pre-application correspondence	N/A
10	NRW team responsible for preparing this HRA report, and lead officer	Installations and Radioactive Substance Permitting Team Jennifer McGuire (Lead Specialist Officer)
11	Team or person responsible for approving the plan or project (competent authority role)	North Powys Environment Team

2. Determining the need for a Habitats Regulations Assessment

2.1 Is there any possibility that the plan or project could negatively affect any European sites?	YES
2.2 Is the whole of the plan or project directly and only connected with or necessary to the management of one or more European sites, for the purposes of conserving the habitats or species for which the European site(s) is/are designated?	NO
2.3 Is there a possibility that the plan or project could affect any other feature of the European site(s) concerned, or of	

another European site, in a way that would undermine that feature's conservation objectives?	
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3. Considering the likelihood of a significant effect (LSE)

3.1 Renewal of a project authorisation on the same or more restrictive terms as an extant authorisation

Is this a renewal of an extant authorisation which complies with NRW approved criteria for ruling out significant effects of renewals (see Part 2 of OGN200) without conducting a project-specific LSE test?	NO
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3.2 Likelihood of significant effects (LSE) test

3.2.1 Which European sites might be affected by the plan or project?

(a)	Based on the plan or project specification, or information provided in the application, it is considered that these European sites have features which could be negatively affected by the plan or project	In line with the relevant guidance ¹ , a screening distance of 5km has been used to identify sites would could negatively be affected. The following site was identified: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tanat and Vyrnwy BAT Sites SAC The closest unit of this SAC is located approx 7.76km away to the NW of the site.
(b)	The potential for the plan or project to negatively affect these European sites was also initially considered, but can be ruled out without further consideration	As the activity being assessed is for free range poultry farming and ranging fields are situated near the River Vyrnwy, hydrologically connected sites were considered. However no relevant sites were identified.

¹ [Natural Resources Wales / Ammonia assessments: initial screening and evidence gathering \(GN 020\)](#)

3.2.2 Screening for likelihood of significant effect

Table 3.2.2 Screening assessment
European site name: Tanat and Vyrnwy BAT Sites SAC
<p>Tanat and Vyrnwy BAT Sites SAC is split into 10 management units which are also separately designated as individual Sites of Scientific Interest (SSSI). The following units are located within 5 km of the site:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allt Y Main Mine• Bryngwyn Hall <p>The site has one designated special feature; 1. Lesser Horseshoe Bat <i>Rhinolophus hipposideros</i></p> <p>This feature is a mammal of wooded habitat which are sensitive to habitat loss, physical damage and noise. The activity will not cause an impact by any of these pathways as it is located 2.7km away (at it's closest point).</p> <p>Intensive poultry farming is associated with emissions of ammonia to air. This proposal is to increase bird numbers and so the potential for the impact of increased emissions of ammonia needs to be considered. While the operator has demonstrated that the proposed change in house type will reduce ammonia emissions, it is important to note that the site's feature is not sensitive to airborne ammonia as detailed on NRW mapping systems² and hence there is no impact pathway.</p> <p>The site and its feature therefore 'SCREEN OUT' as there is no impact from the plan or project on the feature and a significant effect can be ruled out without any further assessment.</p>

² [View open data on access, flood, habitats, landscapes, marine, designated land, water quality, and woodlands](#)

TABLE 3.2.3 Screening decision of the plan or project 'alone'

(a) If the screening conclusion for <u>all</u> features for all sites in Table 3.2.2 is 'SCREEN OUT'	The plan or project is not likely to have a significant effect on any European site, and no further consideration under the Habitats Regulations is required in order to determine the approval/application.
(b) If the conclusion for <u>any</u> features in Table 3.2.2 is 'SCREEN IN'	The plan or project is likely to have a significant effect on one or more European sites and therefore an appropriate assessment is required.
(c) If there are <u>no</u> features in Table 3.2.2 that are 'SCREEN IN' and <u>any</u> features that are 'IN COMB'	The plan or project is not likely to have a significant effect on any European sites when considered alone, but the possibility of significant effects in combination with other plans and projects needs to be considered.

4. Conclusion

HRA is not required because there is no conceivable impact on any European sites. (As documented in section 2.1)	
HRA is not required because the whole of the plan or project is directly connected with or necessary to the management of one or more European sites, for the purposes of conserving the habitats or species for which the site(s) is/are designated, <u>and</u> the plan or project is not likely to have a significant effect on any other European sites. (As documented in section 2.2 and 2.3)	
This project is a renewal of a current permission which complies with NRW agreed criteria for ruling out likely significant effects of a renewal without conducting a project-specific LSE test. Therefore, it is considered not likely to have a significant effect on any European sites, either alone or in-combination with other plans or projects. (As documented in section 3.1 of this form)	
The plan or project has been screened for likelihood of significant effects and is considered not likely to have a significant effect on any European sites. (As documented in section 3.2 of this form, and section 5 if applicable)	X
In light of the conclusions of an appropriate assessment it has been established that the plan or project will not adversely affect the integrity of any European sites, taking into account any conditions or restrictions as applicable, either alone or in-combination with other plans or projects. (As documented in section 4 of this form, and section 5 if applicable)	
In light of the conclusions of the appropriate assessment, it has <u>not</u> been ascertained that the plan or project will not adversely affect the integrity of any European sites, as documented in section 4 of this form, and section 5 if applicable. Approval for the plan or project <u>cannot</u> be given unless either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the plan or project specification, and/or the terms under which it might be approved, are modified so as to remove the risk of adverse effects, and a revised HRA is prepared, or the plan or project (not being an SSSI consent*) satisfies the requirements for a derogation and a Derogation Notice is prepared and submitted for consideration by the appropriate authority, normally Welsh Ministers (*SSSI consents cannot be given as derogations)	

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Date: 17/02/2025

Was this HRA conclusion an escalated decision? YES or NO

NO

5. Consultation with the ANCB and how sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 of this HRA report (as applicable) take into account that advice.

N/A – as there a high degree of confidence that significant effects can be excluded, there was no requirement for the ANCB to be consulted.