

Natural Resources Wales permitting decisions

We have decided to issue the variation for Ty Castle operated by Mr ID & Mrs RV Williams.

The variation number is EPR/XP3136MT/V004.

The permit variation is to add an additional biomass boiler of a thermal input of 526KWth. The total thermal input of the permit is now 922KWth.

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.

How We Reached Our Decision

The application was duly made on 2nd September 2016. This means we considered it was in the correct form and contained sufficient information for us to begin our determination.

After including the additional biomass boiler, we can confirm the total thermal input of Ty Castle Poultry Farm is 0.922MWth. We screened the area to identify any habitats within 500m for SAC, SPA, Ramsar and SSSI, and 100m for NNR, LNR, Ancient woodlands or local wildlife sites. In accordance to the position statement on biomass boilers and can confirm that HRA is not required because there is no conceivable impact pathway to any Natura 2000/Ramsar site.

The Applicant made no claim for commercial confidentiality. We have not received any information in relation to the Application that appears to be confidential in relation to any party.

What the Regulated Facility Does

The installation will comprise of three poultry houses, accommodating a maximum of 122,000 broiler chickens. The birds will be brought to site at approximately one day old and the houses will be depopulated when the birds are around forty nine days old. The birds will be delivered and removed on an “All In, All Out” basis, which means the entire flock will be removed from all houses before a new flock cycle begins. As a result, there will be no overlap between different flocks of birds. After the removal of the birds, the litter will be collected and removed from site.

Structure of this document

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Annex 1: decision checklist

This document should be read in conjunction with the Duly Making checklist, the application and supporting information and permit/ notice.

Aspect considered	Justification / Detail	Criteria met
		Yes
European Directives		
Applicable directives	All applicable European directives have been considered in the determination of the application.	✓
Biodiversity, Heritage, Landscape and Nature Conservation	The application is within the relevant distance criteria of a site of heritage, landscape or nature conservation, and/or protected species or habitat . In accordance to the biomass boilers on EPR Intensive farms position statement.	✓
Environmental Risk Assessment and operating techniques		
Environmental risk	We have reviewed the operator's assessment of the environmental risk from the facility. The operator's risk assessment is satisfactory.	✓
Operating techniques	We have reviewed the techniques used by the operator and compared these with the relevant guidance notes. 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.	✓