

Our Ref: RP3433UF
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Ammonia emission reduction plan improvement condition and the results of the Countryside Council for Wales' surveys of wildlife sites

Farm Ashwood Farm
Permit Reference RP3433UF

In the past few months, the Countryside Council for Wales has reviewed information available on a number of its wildlife sites to assess the evidence of impacts from airborne ammonia. The reviews have been necessary following concerns raised by farmers that, in some cases, the existing evidence does not show that the farms are having an effect consistent with the impact of ammonia. This is despite modelling predictions that such impacts would be likely to occur.

The Countryside Council for Wales has recently completed its review of the impact assessment for Gaer House Woods SSSI and have provided the Environment Agency with the enclosed letter summarising their findings.

In conclusion, the risk to the wildlife site, as predicted by the Environment Agency's modelling, does not appear to have contributed to changes in its condition, despite the farm being in existence for a significant period of time.

The Environment Agency will therefore remove the improvement condition requiring you to submit an emission reduction plan. The wildlife site will continue to be monitored for impacts of air emissions, and should evidence of an effect be found in future surveys, we may revise the permit to include improvement conditions to address emissions.

You will receive a variation notice removing the improvement condition in due course.

If you have any further questions relating to the Countryside Council for Wales' survey work please contact Khalid Aazem on 01792 634982.

If you have any questions relating to the variation to remove the improvement condition in your permit please contact me on the number below.

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Yours sincerely

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