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FW: P1071-01

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RE: Licence P1071-01 by Ak Agriculture Limited for the rearing of poultry in installations where the capacity exceeds 40,000 places. ('Poultry' shall be construed in accordance with Regulation 2(2) of the European Communities (Poultry and Hatching Eggs) Regulations 2010 (S.I. No. 564 of 2010) at Drumborisk, Drum, Monaghan.

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Please find the nature conservation recommendations of the Department of Culture, Heritage, and the Gaeltacht for the above mentioned application.

The proposed development is not situated on or in close proximity to any of the nationally or European protected sites.

Rodent Control

With regard to pest control, the Department recommends that strict adherence to Best Practice Requirements for Rodent Control and Safe Use of Rodenticides (CCRU, 2016) is added as a condition to the license in order to minimise unwanted impacts on non-target species and the environment. Additionally the Department recommends that pest control contractors should be CRRU/IASI Wildlife Aware Accredited Technicians who have undergone specialist training. Particular attention should be paid to the following aspects:

- Regular search and removal of dead / dying rodents (up to 100m from baited sites)
- Safe disposal to prevent secondary poisoning of mammals and birds of prey

Hedgerow Removal

Where possible all field boundaries should be maintained. In the case where hedgerow removal is planned, all works should be conducted outside the bird breeding season (1st March – 31st August). Where hedgerows are removed, it is recommended that a hedge of similar length should be planted (as detailed in the application) at the same or an alternative location on the site using native tree species suitable to the environment. It is advised that specific information is provided in the application on the location of replacement hedgerows and the species content. For more information refer to Hedgerows for Pollinators. All-Ireland Pollinator Plan, How-to-guide 3. National Biodiversity Data Centre Series No.7, Waterford. May, 2016. <http://www.biodiversityireland.ie/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/Pollinator-How-to-Guide-3-FINAL-1.pdf>

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