

Office of Environmental Sustainability,  
Environmental Protection Agency,  
P.O. Box 3000,  
Johnstown Castle Estate,  
Co. Wexford

23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

**Re: Millrace Poultry Ltd. P1158-01**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to previous Agency correspondence of 9<sup>th</sup> January last. Please find detailed below the response to the issues raised.

**1. Planning permission:**

- a) **Confirm the current status of the development works as permitted by planning permission reference numbers 20/194 and 20/546.**

**Development approved under Planning Ref: 20/546 has commenced as house No. 2 is currently constructed / in construction and operational.**

- b) **Where the development works have been completed, confirm whether the associated infrastructure is operational and the capacity in terms of animal numbers of same; and**

**House No. 2 is operational and operating at <40,000 places. House No. 1 is yet to commence.**

- c) **where the development works have not yet been completed, provide a proposed development schedule for construction works on site.**

**N/A**

- d) **Confirm that licensable activities have not yet commenced.**

**Licensable activities have not commenced as the house is operating at <40,000 places.**

2. **Odour: Provide an assessment of the odour emissions from the activity and the impact on local residents.**
  - a) **Provide a map showing the location and distance from the installation boundary to the closest sensitive receptors. The map should also highlight which sensitive receptors are family dwellings, and which are third party dwellings.**

**Plae refer to site plan for details of applicant's and closest third party residence.**

3. **Fit and proper person: To assist in determining whether or not the applicant can be regarded as a fit and proper person, please provide the following:**
  - a) **The names of the Directors of Millrace Poultry Limited. It is noted that Liam McCague is listed as a Director of Millrace Poultry Ltd and Siobhán McCague has signed the financial declaration on behalf of Millrace Poultry Ltd.**

**Liam and Siobhan McCague are both directors of Millrace Poultry Ltd.**

- b) **Details of any other EPA licences held by the applicant. The application further states that the applicant also has another licence from the EPA to operate a poultry rearing installation.**

**Liam McCague also operates another licensed poultry farm in close proximity, REF:P1017-01.**

- c) **Details of the applicant's technical knowledge and / or qualifications, along with that of any other relevant employees. The application form states that the Mr. Liam McCague, Director of Millrace Poultry Ltd., "is an experienced poultry farmer and has managed this site to a very high standard", with additional expertise provided by fields people and veterinary support employed by Manor Farm. However, the application documentation states that installation is a greenfield site with no poultry rearing occurring at present.**

**This site is currently operational at sub-E.P.A. licence level. The reference to existing experience is in relation to the existing licensed farm operated by Liam McCague, as referred to above.**

4. **Generator: Provide details of the storage location of the back-up generator onsite and provide details of the associated bunding and protections.**

**The generator location is as detailed on the revised site plan enclosed. Same is located in a shed on an impervious concrete base.**

**5. Fuel tanks:**

- a) Provide details of the capacity, location, bunding and protection of any existing/proposed fuel storage facilities onsite (including gas and diesel).

**There is one gas tank on site as detailed on the site plan. This is an 8 ton gas tank. A second tank will be required to upon completion of all developments on-site.**

- b) Provide estimate of annual gas usage.

**Anticipated annual gas usage = 1 lt/bird place per annum.**

**6. BAT:**

It is noted that the documentation regarding the BAT conclusions from the Commission Implementing Decision (CID) document for the Intensive Rearing of Poultry or Pigs (2010/75/EU, Feb 2017) has not been fully completed. Clearly identify the specific technique that will be used for BAT 3 and BAT 4.

- **BAT 3A and 3B – Generally applicable and in practice on site. Low crude protein diets to be used on-site. Phase feeding to be implemented as appropriate, and in line with processor/nutritionist advice.**
- **BAT 4A and 4B – Generally applicable and in practice on site. Phytase or similar to be used where deemed appropriate. Phase feeding to be implemented as appropriate, and in line with processor/nutritionist advice.**

**7. Site plan:**

- a) The site plan provided with the application appears to show the installation boundary encompassing part of a road. Provide clarification on the reason for this (and update site plan if relevant).

**Same has been revised to exclude the public road.**

- b) Amend the site plan legend to clarify what the broken pink line (running roughly parallel to the road in a north/south direction) relates to;

**The Broken pink line refers to Monaghan Co. Co. sightline requirements and was required to be detailed for planning permission purposes.**

- c) Update the site plan to indicate the location of each discharge point;

**Please refer to updated site plan in this regard.**

- d) Update the site plan to indicate the location of the soakaway; and

**Please refer to SW – 3 (proposed) on attached site plan.**

- e) Provide the correct national grid reference (12 digit - 6E, 6N) for any existing storm water discharge points.

**Same to be confirmed upon installation.**

**8. Organic fertiliser:**

- a) **Wash water:** The application proposes two wash water storage tanks on site (capacity 115m<sup>3</sup>) but also states that 26 weeks of storage capacity are not provided on site. Please clarify this conflicting information by providing wash water information as follows:
- i. Confirm the capacity of the tanks (total capacity minus the freeboard);
  - ii. Clarify how the 26 weeks' storage capacity requirement will be met; and
  - iii. If the storage capacity is to be supplemented by off-site storage, identify the type, capacity and location of the off-site storage.

In order to assist you in compiling this information, a table has been provided. Complete Table 1 appropriately.

**Table 1:**

| Wash water  | Proposed Activity   |
|---|---|
| Number of wash water tanks  | <b>3</b>  |
| Capacity of <u>each</u> wash water tank (m <sup>3</sup> ) (total capacity minus the freeboard)                | <b>10.9, 15.9, 15.9-88.2 proposed</b><br><b>10, 14.5, 14.5-80.85 proposed</b>                                       |
| Type, location and total capacity of off-site storage (m <sup>3</sup> ) (total capacity minus the freeboard). | Off site adjacent to Liam mc Cagues existing licensed poultry site. 2* (15.4*3.5*2.4)= 258.72 m3<br>(237.16 m3 net) |
| Number of weeks of wash water storage available   | <b>@ 140 m3/annum =</b><br><b>&gt;26 weeks</b>  |

- b) **Organic fertiliser:** In relation to poultry litter produced by the activity, conflicting information has been provided in the application on how poultry litter will be managed with both landspreading and composting being referred to individually in different sections of the application.

- i. Confirm whether all poultry litter for the existing activity is going for landspreading or composting or both.

**Same may go for both composting and use as an organic fertiliser.**

- ii. Confirm how poultry litter from the proposed activity will be managed.

**Poultry manure will be loaded directly into waiting trailers for removal off site by the contractor.**

- iii. Clarify that there will be no landspreading of organic fertiliser (poultry litter or wash water) from the activity within the site boundary.

**There will be no spreading of organic fertiliser within the site boundary.**

- iv. Provide an updated letter from the contractor who will remove the poultry litter from the installation. The letter provided as part of the application refers to a development of one poultry house whereas the application being reviewed by the EPA is for two houses. This letter should include the following:

1. The contractor's DAFM registration details;
2. The destination/use of the poultry litter;
3. Confirmation if the contractor will remove all poultry litter from the installation; and
4. Assurance that the transport of poultry litter will be in accordance with the Animal By-product Regulations

**Please refer to updated correspondence attached.**

9. **Water Supply:** In the application, there is contradictory information provided regarding water sources and expected usage quantity. With regards to the water supply for the installation, provide the following:

- a) Clarify the total expected annual water usage for the activity,
- b) Clarify the proposed sources of water to be used for the activity and the quantity of water usage expected per annum from each source;

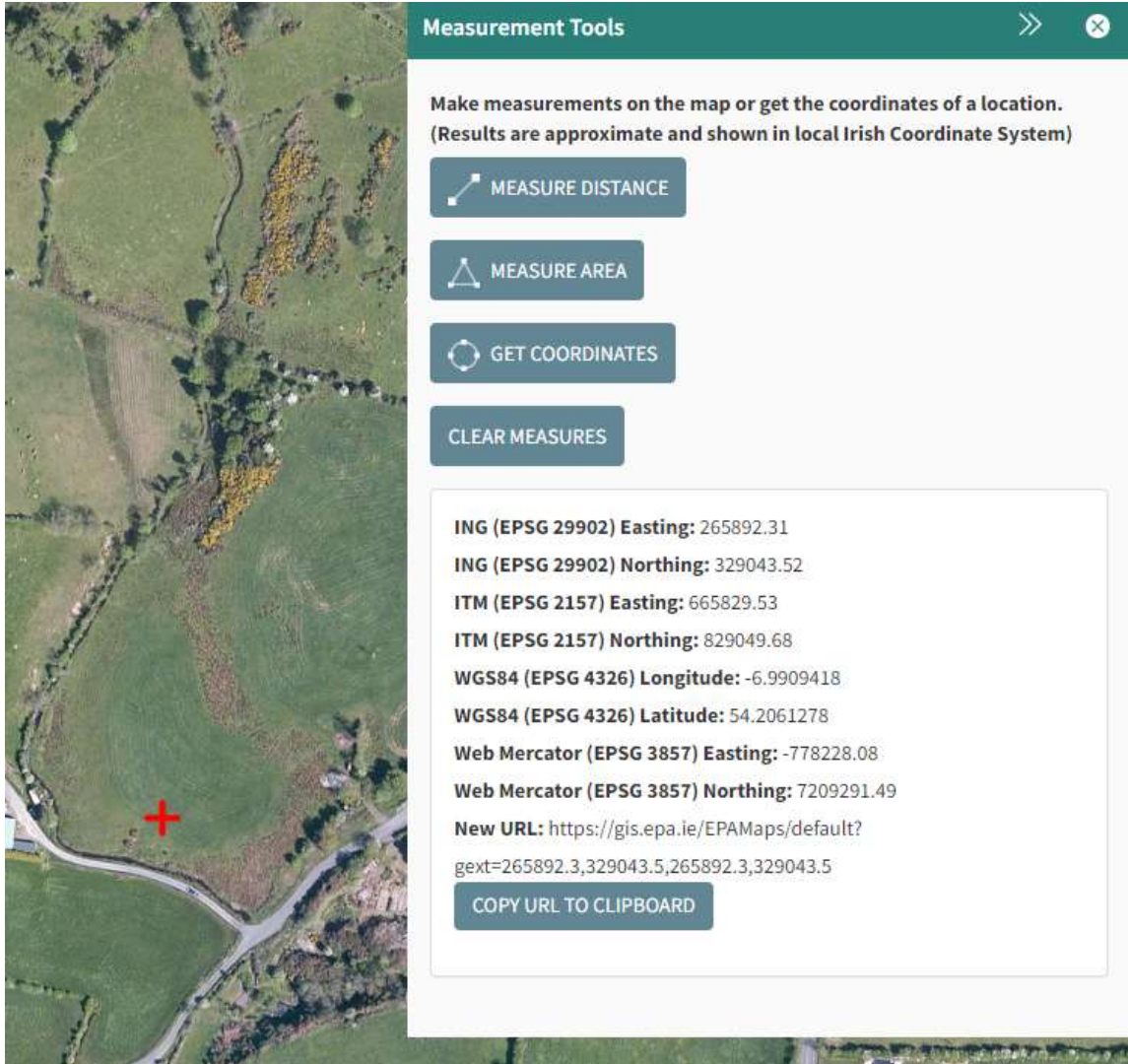
**Anticipated water use = 4,000 – 4,500 m<sup>3</sup>/annum.**

**Stranooden Group Water Scheme 100%**

**Well is a back up only**

- c) Clarify the location(s) on the site map, including the grid reference of any existing/proposed groundwater well(s). If a private well is utilised and is inside the site boundary, submit any monitoring results available.

**Please refer to site plan for details of well location. No samples currently available. Please see co-ordinates below**



**Measurement Tools**

Make measurements on the map or get the coordinates of a location.  
(Results are approximate and shown in local Irish Coordinate System)

- MEASURE DISTANCE
- MEASURE AREA
- GET COORDINATES
- CLEAR MEASURES

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**ING (EPSG 29902) Northing:** 329043.52  
**ITM (EPSG 2157) Easting:** 665829.53  
**ITM (EPSG 2157) Northing:** 829049.68  
**WGS84 (EPSG 4326) Longitude:** -6.9909418  
**WGS84 (EPSG 4326) Latitude:** 54.2061278  
**Web Mercator (EPSG 3857) Easting:** -778228.08  
**Web Mercator (EPSG 3857) Northing:** 7209291.49  
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**d) Provide the name of the Group Water Scheme, if applicable.**

**Stranooden Group Water Scheme**

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**In addition to the above, please also provide an updated non-technical summary (Application Form, and EIS where applicable) to reflect the information provided in your reply, insofar as that information impinges on the non-technical summary.**

**No further revisions required**

If you require any additional information please contact this office.

Yours Sincerely,

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