

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

2nd August 2023

Re: Knockronaghan Farm Ltd. P1160-01

Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to previous Agency correspondence of 12th July last. Please find detailed below the response to the issues raised.

1. Planning permission:

a. With regards to planning permission 18/444:

- i. Confirm whether any development works were completed; and**
- ii. If so, provide details on the extent of the development works.**

No works were commenced on foot of planning ref. 18/444. Same was superseded by Planning Ref. 19/27.

b. With regards to planning permission 19/27:

- i. Confirm the current status of the development works for each of the three poultry houses;**

One house has been completed and is fully operational. The remaining two are pending completion.

- ii. Where development works have been completed, confirm the associated maximum animal numbers per poultry house; and**

Same has a maximum operating capacity of 40,000 places.

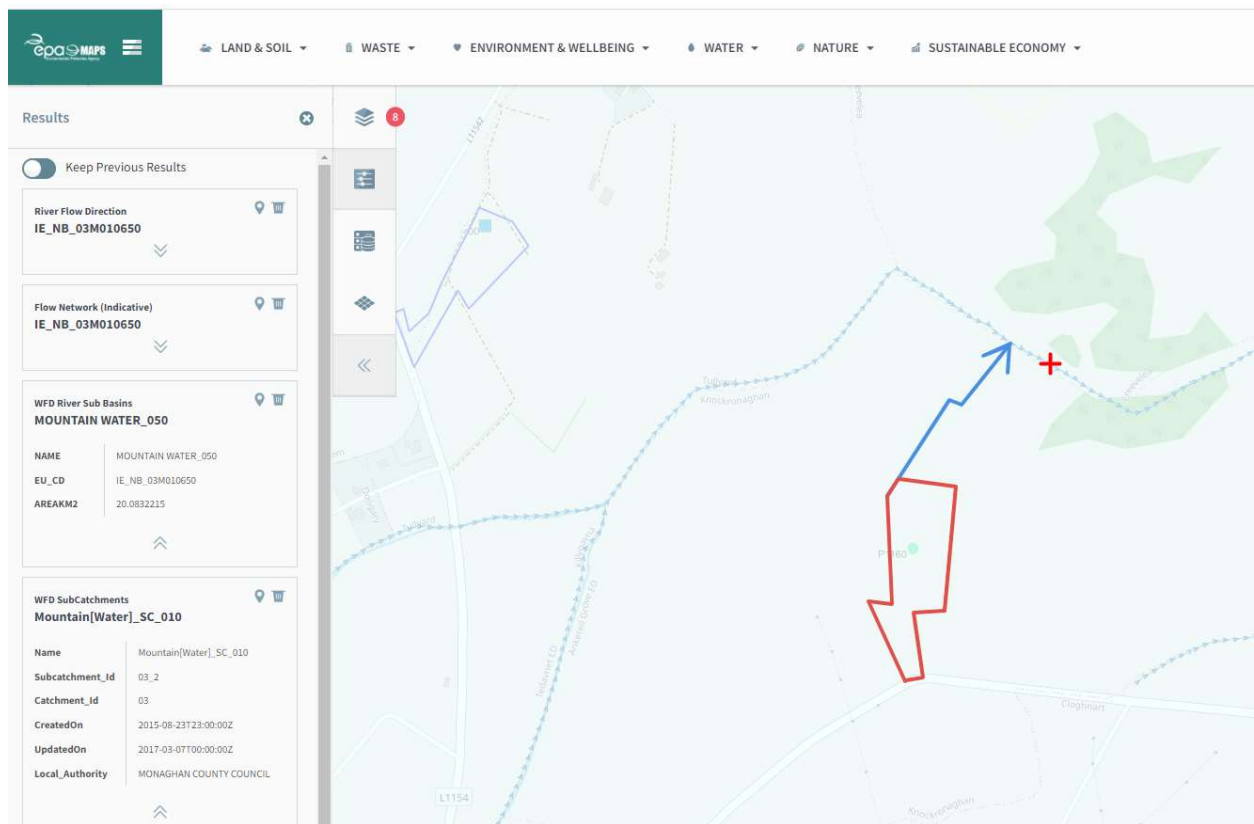
- iii. Where the development works have not yet been completed, provide a proposed development schedule for construction works on site.**

It is hoped to commence house 2 upon receipt of the I.E. Licence.

At this juncture the completion and operation of House No. 3 may require a review of the E.P.A. Licence to increase to 130,000 birds (As per planning permission), however same will be dictated by any changes to proposed stocking density in at the time of completion.

2. Stormwater:

- a. Provide a map outlining the surface water pathway(s) between storm water discharge points and the local land drains/watercourses; and



- b. Update the site plan to include an indicative location and labelling of the storm water discharge points.

Please refer to the enclosed site plan, which has also been revised to allow for the proposed phasing of developments on the farm.

3. Appropriate Assessment:

- a. Clarify whether any of the poultry houses were operational in May 2021, prior to the publication of the EPA's guidance document "*Assessment of the impact of ammonia and nitrogen on Natura 2000 sites from Intensive Agriculture Installations*" and provide the following supporting information:

- i. Confirm the date that each of the existing house(s) was first stocked;

House No. 1 was completed and operational prior to May 2021.

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ii. The corresponding number of birds per house; and
House No. 1 was first stocked on 05/05/2020 with 38,316 birds.

iii. Documented evidence to support this in the form of dated receipts from the processor of receipt of broilers for slaughter from this farm.
Please see attached detail. Same has been issued in the name of Paul McCarron, a director of Knockronaghan Farm Ltd.

To: Churchfield Farm Producers Co-Op
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Western Brand Group Ltd.
Knock Road, Ballyhaunis, Co. Mayo
Phone: 094-9630069
Fax: 094-9632133
Vat Reg: 9581516K

Vat Reg: CHUPMC
01 Jul 2020 Invoice: CHUPMC-202006

INVOICE

Grower: Paul McCarron Crop 1 Standard Commercial

Feed Deliveries	Mill	Ref	Ration	Weight	Vat 0.0%	Total
Day-Olds	Hatchery	Breedline	Chicks			
05-May-2020	CH	Ross308	38,316			
Total			38,316			

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Value	Vat 13.5%	Total

b. Provide confirmation from an engineer that the housing systems to be fitted in the applicable animal houses can be retrofitted/installed to meet the housing standard specifications.

This has been requested from the engineer and will be submitted under separate cover and/or prior to commencement of any additional works on site.

4. Poultry Litter:

- a. Provide an updated letter from the contractor who will remove the litter from the installation confirming their agreement with the applicant. This letter should include the following:
 - i. The contractor's DAFM registration details;
 - ii. The destination/use of the poultry litter;
 - iii. Confirmation that the contractor will remove all poultry litter from the installation; and
 - iv. Assurance that the transport of poultry litter will be in accordance with the Animal By-product Regulations.
- b. Provide a copy of the Record 3 form (as required under Article 23 of the European Union (Good Agricultural Practice for Protection of Waters) Regulations 2017 as amended, for the previous year (2022).

Please refer to enclosed correspondence from the contractor and a copy of the record 3.

5. Water Abstraction:

With regards to the water supply for the installation, provide the following:

- a. Clarify whether the well referred to in the application is existing or proposed.
- b. Clarify the location(s) including the grid reference of any existing/proposed groundwater well(s).

The proposed well referred to in the application and as detailed on the site plan is proposed and not installed. Location to be confirmed at time of installation. There are currently no wells on-site.

6. Wash water:

Sufficient detail has not been provided in relation to the wash water generated as part of the proposed activity. In order to assist you in compiling this information, a table has been provided. Complete Table 1 in full.

Table 1:

Wash water	2 existing 2 Proposed
Number of wash water tanks	4
Capacity of each wash water tank (m ³) (total capacity minus the freeboard)	<u>2* 86.5 m3 gross</u> <u>79.3 w3 Net</u>
	<u>2* 15.9 m3 gross</u> <u>14.575 m3 net</u>



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Type, location and total capacity of off-site storage (m ³) (total capacity minus the freeboard)	<u>N/A</u>
Number of weeks of wash water storage available	➤ 26 weeks

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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