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Directors Present: L Burke (Chair);
M Lehane, E Cotter, T Ryan & D Flynn.

4. **Recommended Determination of an Application for an Industrial Emissions (IE) Licence**

Licensee: **Ashleigh Farms (Waterford) Limited**
Ashleigh House
Ballynameelagh
Cappagh
County Waterford

Register of Licence No: **P0447-02**

The Directors considered a recommendation from the Office of Environmental Sustainability that the Agency approve the Recommended Determination to grant an Industrial Emissions Licence. The following documentation was submitted: Recommended Determination, a Report of the Inspector dated 18 October 2024; and ten third-party submissions.

A copy of the licence application was available electronically.

Niamh O'Donoghue and Philip Stack gave verbal presentations.

Inspector's Report

The Directors noted the Inspector's Report.

Recommended Determination

The Directors noted the Recommended Determination and approved the recommendations with the following amendments:

Condition 3. Infrastructure and Operation

Amend condition 3.3 to read as follows:

3.3 *'Infrastructure specified in the application that relates to the environmental performance of the installation and is not specified in this licence, must be installed in accordance with the schedule submitted in the application.'*

Reason for Decision:

To correct an omission

Condition 6 – Control and Monitoring

Amend Condition 6.7 to read as follows:

6.7 Anaerobic Digestion

6.7.1 *‘Only organic fertiliser produced on-site at the installation shall be used as a feedstock for the anaerobic digester.’*

6.7.12 *‘The licensee must prepare and implement a programme, to the satisfaction of the Agency, for the management and operation of the anaerobic digester.’*

6.7.23 *‘The programme must include a plan for the identification and reduction of diffuse emissions from the anaerobic digester and associated plant, using an appropriate combination of BAT.’*

6.7.4 **This programme must be submitted to the Agency for approval, within 6 months of the date of grant of this licence.**

Reason for Decision:

To provide clarity on the condition requirements

Amend condition 6.19.2 to read as follows:

6.19.2 ‘The licensee must include the nitrogen and phosphorus results obtained from the analysis conducted as required under Condition 6.19.1 of this licence, as reference data for the relevant nutrient content, when completing ‘Record 3’ forms required under Condition 8.12.6 (c) of this licence.

Reason for Decision:

To provide clarity on the condition requirements.

Amend the heading of Condition 6.22 to read as follows.:

6.22 **Slurry and digestate storage**

Amend Condition 6.22.1(c) to read as follows:

6.22.1 (c) ‘Cover all slurry *and digestate* stores on-site to ensure that all external slurry stores include a rigid or flexible cover, **within 6 months of the date of grant of this licence.**’

Reason for Decision:

To provide clarity on the condition requirements.

Following discussion, the Directors decided to grant a licence, to Ashleigh Farms (Waterford) Limited, Ballynameelagh, Cappagh, County Waterford, Register of Licence No P0447-02, subject to amendments and the conditions as set out in the licence.