Project Name	Broxfield Farm
EPR	EPR/KP3326MQ/P001
Type (New Permit/Variation)	New

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Introduction

This bespoke Noise Management Plan has been prepared to support the overall Environmental Management System in place at Ivy House Farm. The plan has been prepared in accordance with in accordance with Appendix 5 of guidance IPPC Technical Guidance Note (publishing.service.gov.uk) and Noise and vibration management: environmental permits – GOV.UK (www.gov.uk). The overriding principle of this plan is to ensure the day-to-day activities are carried out in accordance with this document to help minimise the overall environmental impact.

There is one sensitive receptor within 400m distance of the installation boundary owned and rented out to third party by the operators of the farm.

There have been no previous issues relating to odour, dust, noise or flies in relation to the farm.

Setting

The site is located within a rural setting in Northumberland surrounded by arable farm land. The land is undulating and on elevated ground in relation to the nearby coast.

Figure 1 shows the location of the installation and of the receptors within 400m which have been considered in this noise management plan.

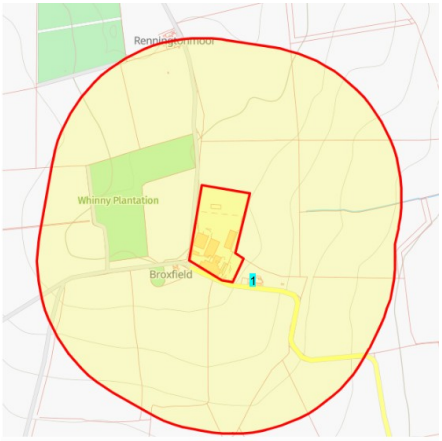


Table 1: Sensitive Rectors and distance of Sensitive Receptors from Installation Boundary to nearest point of domestic curtilage

Reference	Description	Distance (m) to nearest point of domestic curtilage	Orientation from installation	National Grid Reference
1	Broxfield Farm Cottages (including one private residence)	32	E	NU 20236 16660

The purpose of this Noise Management Plan is to:
-Establish the likely source of noises arising from the farm
-Set out procedures at the farm in order to mitigate or minimise the risk of noise
-Formalise an effective method of dealing with any noise complaints quickly and efficiently.

This plan will be reviewed in the light of any building and management changes, and on the outcome of investigations into the cause of any future noise complaints, if any occur.

Any noise complaints will be recorded and investigated using the Noise Complaint Report Form contained within Technical Guidance Note IPPC SRG 6.02 (Farming) Noise Management at Intensive Livestock Installations.

No. ref	Noise Problem	Actions taken to prevent or minimise noise	Completion Date
1	Feeding Pigs	Ad-lib system, so no spikes in noise and pig activity due to feeding times.	In place.
2	Feed delivery	Blower and vacuum type delivery vehicles fitted with low noise units.	In place
3	Feed preparation	No milling and mixing operations carried out on site. All bought-in feed.	In place
4	Pig moving	Pigs only moved during the day and maintained in stable batches	In place
5	Pig loading, in and out	Few movements as possible. Short duration. Aim to minimise animal stress. All-in-all-out batch system means that loading in and out is not on a continuous basis through the year.	In place
6	Bedding pens	Loader used for transport, engine revs kept low, effective silencer. Mainly during working day, limited at weekends/bank holidays.	In place
7	Mucking out	Loader used for scraping and transport, engine revs kept low. Mainly during working day, limited at weekends/bank holidays.	In place
8	Slurry tanker filling and emptying	Tanker filling only when necessary and appropriate. All equipment regularly serviced and operated to current standards and optimum efficiency.	In place

9	Manure loading/transport and spreading	Infrequent activity as manure exported directly. Engine revs kept low where possible. All equipment regularly serviced and operated to current standards.	In place
11	Delivery of supplies and materials	Typically small deliveries during normal working hours by arrangement. Low perceived impact.	In place
12	Ventilation	All ventilation is natural	N/A
13	Vehicles operating within installation boundary	Operations mainly carried out during normal working hours. Vehicles maintained in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations, and defective silencers replaced. Audible reversing signals required for safety purposes.Yards maintained to repair holes.	In place
14	Alarms	There will be an alarm system fitted.	In place

Noise monitoring

Noise monitoring is required by BAT Conclusion 9 if there are sensitive receptors located within 400 metres of the installation boundary. Noise levels are assessed by operators or their staff at the boundaries of the installation nearest sensitive receptors, as and when there is potential for elevated noise levels. The frequency of monitoring would be increased in the event that a complaint was received.

Summary

We have always worked hard to minimise our impact on our closest receptors and as a result have not had any complaints about noise in relation to this installation. We continually assess management techniques to improve our control of noise pollution.

This plan will be reviewed at least **annually** and in the light of any building and management changes, and on the outcome of investigations into the causes of any future substantiated complaints, if any occur.

Any noise complaints will be reported to the operators who will log and investigate causes of all complaints; identifying the source of the noise issue and monitoring noise levels at the site boundary as part of the investigation. The complaint details and subsequent investigation will be recorded on the site complaint form and a copy will be kept in the site office.

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Noise Complaints Form		
Name of Farm		
Time and Date of C	Name and Address of complainant	
How complaint was received, e.g. telephone call, visit, etc.?	**Email address of complainant**	
Who first received	**Telephone number of complainant**	
Who was the complaint reported to for further action?		
Type of complaint (give all relevant details – use space overleaf if necessary)		
Describe the activity which was happening at the time of the complaint (include names of any relevant staff)		
Any other relevant information		
Are there any other complaints relating to the installation or that location? (If yes, give details)		
Actions taken and by who		
Form completed by	**Signed**	**Date**