From: k.collett420@btinternet.com
To: Kate Wray
Subject: RE: EPR/HP3624MJ/A001 - Grove Farm Pig Unit - We Need More Information About Your Application
Date: 04 November 2026 10:01:12
Attachments: [redacted]

Hi Kate

Can you kindly review the screening assessment to see if a second tank 2 x 174.4 = 348.8 with floating covers significantly changes the outcome please.
Same size second tank included in application as worse-case scenario and future proof permit so wouldn't have to apply to vary later.
Not included a second tank in the application for planning permission.

If ammonia modelling required with two tanks then the applicant will replace the proposal for the second with a slurry bag and no ammonia emissions.
Will need to remove it from the Drainage Schematic.

In the application documents:
Marked a second tank on the Drainage Schematic
Discrete reference in the non-technical summary - *"There is a separate slurry drainage system via sloping concrete, catch-pits, solid wall underground pipes and pump into above ground storage tanks covered with rigid, floating plastic plates to minimise ammonia emission."*

Kind regards
Karl

From: Kate Wray <kate.wray@environment-agency.gov.uk>
Sent: 04 November 2026 09:22
To: k.collett420@btinternet.com
Subject: RE: EPR/HP3624MJ/A001 - Grove Farm Pig Unit - We Need More Information About Your Application

Morning Karl,

Thanks for all of the information submitted yesterday.

Can you just clarify regarding your response to question 7 below please. For now, is the applicant proposing a second tank, with floating cover and same surface area as existing tank, as a worst-case scenario so a total surface area of 348.8m2? Have you detailed the proposal for the second tank in one of the application documents as I must have missed this? If a second tank is proposed, I will have to revise the ammonia screening assessment to see what impact this will have before I can duly make the application as currently a surface area of 174.4m2 has been included in the assessment.

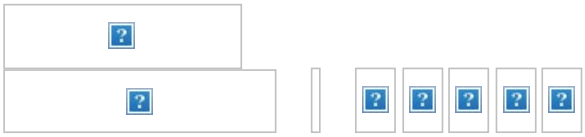
Confirm the surface area of the proposed slurry store(s) (in m2).
Reported 174.4m2 for the existing slurry store in the revised Pre-application Report dated 14/04/26 on p3. Applicant recognises additional capacity will probably and definitely be required when a third and a fourth pig house respectively, is brought into operation to provide capacity for six months storage. Not yet decided to install either a second, smaller tank or a package, slurry bag. Included provision in the application for a second tank with same surface area and floating cover.

If you are able to confirm today it would be appreciated.

Kind regards
Kate

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Hi Kate

Please find the additional information requested, attached.

Kind regards
Karl

From: Kate Wray <kate.wray@environment-agency.gov.uk>
Sent: 22 October 2026 10:38
To: Karl Collett <k.collett420@btinternet.com>
Subject: EPR/HP3624MJ/A001 - Grove Farm Pig Unit - We Need More Information About Your Application

Morning Karl,

Further to my email yesterday, we have completed an initial review of your application, and we require additional information, as detailed below, before it can be duly made:

1. Submit a site plan (OS style or similar) in accordance with question 5a of application Part B3.5. The plan should show the installation boundary in green and the location of the pig houses (numbered 1 to 4). The site boundary plan must be geographically correct (i.e. include fences, hedgerows or other

features recognisable on site and should not be a schematic). The plan should identify all the land on which your activity takes place and include a scale and north facing arrow.

2. Update the raw materials inventory within the Technical standards document to confirm the quantities of each raw material used/stored on site.
3. Confirm whether there is a standby generator on site, and if so, answer the following:

- Thermal input capacity of the standby generator in MWth.
- Number of hours per annum the standby generator(s) is operated for testing purposes.
- Whether the standby generator is only used for emergency power supply use, where mains power has gone down, for less than 500 hours per annum.

Note: In accordance with guidance, Emergency backup diesel engines on installations: best available techniques (BAT) - GOV.UK, you must test the standby generator for less than 50 hours a year. In the Intensive Farming sector, operators generally test for 1 hour per week which we can accept.

4. Update 'Table 2 Emissions' within the Technical standards document to include the vent(s) from the fuel tank(s), and exhaust on standby generator if there is one located on site.
5. Amend the title of 'Table 2 Emissions' as it refers to Old Hall Farm.
6. Confirm the quantity of manure it is proposed to store within the installation boundary (in tonnes).
7. Confirm the surface area of the proposed slurry store(s) (in m2).
8. Submit a copy of the EIA referred to in question 9 of application Part B3.5.
9. In the revised ammonia screening assessment undertaken in April 2026 (EPR/HP3624MJ/P002), the standard emission factor of 1.888 for pigs over 30 kg housed on solid floors with a straw system was reduced by 16.5% to reflect the average crude protein level provided in your email dated 10 April 2026. Provide supporting evidence confirming the crude protein (CP) percentage of each diet used throughout the rearing cycle (e.g. feed dockets), together with the calculations used to derive the average crude protein level.

You must send us the information by **05/11/2026**.

If we do not receive this by this deadline we will return your application.

If we receive what is missing by the deadline, we will continue to check your application. We'll check to see if there's enough information for the application to be 'duly made'. Duly made means that we have all the information we need to begin determination. Determination is where we assess your application and decide if we can allow what you've asked for.

We'll let you know by email whether your application can be duly made. If it can't be duly made, we'll return your application to you.

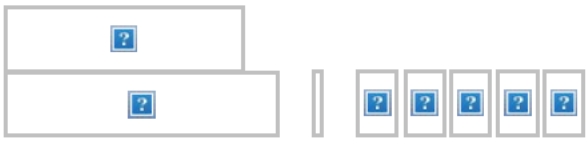
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If you have any questions or wish to discuss any of the above, please contact me.

Kind regards
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