

Dear Resident,

Please see the below leaflet from the Environment Agency (EA) which provides fresh opportunity to comment on this application. The Parish Council has worked very hard to obtain this additional period for wider residents to submit their thoughts. It is very important that you do respond by the EA deadline of 28th September, whatever your views. If residents don't respond to consultations then the ability of the Parish Council to intervene and act with a community mandate is considerably weakened.

You can respond direct to the Environment Agency using their contact details at the bottom of the page below. If you want the Parish Council to respond on your behalf, you can email the parish council: clerkgrimleypc@gmail.com

Or you can write to the Parish Clerk, Lisa Stevens, 9 The Limes, Kempsey, Worcs, WR5 3LG. 07950256363 Please include your name and address if you contact the Parish Council. Please also note that we will need to store your personal information for the duration of this application and that in responding you are consenting for this to happen.

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Thorngrove Poultry Farm
Reopening Public Consultation of Draft Decision to vary environmental permit
1 September to 28 September 2020

Application ref: EPR/WP3239EK/V003

The Environment Agency held a public consultation from 12 June to 10 July 2020, on our draft decision to issue Thorngrove Poultry Farm with a variation on their permit. We are still considering the comments we have received and will address them appropriately in our final decision document. In the meantime, we will be reopening the consultation on our draft decision **on 1 September for another 20 working days until 28 September 2020.**

Background

The existing Environmental Permit permits the operator to grow up to 319,990 broilers in 8 poultry houses, however the operator does not currently have the capacity to stock this number of birds in the four existing poultry houses. Nb. The current installation comprises of 4 poultry houses, which provide a combined capacity for 140,000 broilers to be grown at one time.

This application to vary the permit seeks to add 2 double decker houses bringing the total amount to 6 (4 existing single houses and 2 new double decker houses). The variation does not seek any additional broiler places over and above the 319,990 broilers already permitted for. The application also includes the installation of an additional biomass boiler to provide heating for the new poultry houses.

Why we are reopening the consultation

There appears to have been some confusion around whether the application was still live and so some people who may have wanted to comment did not do so. To address this we are re-opening the consultation. We are continually reviewing the way we engage to ensure we are as inclusive as possible and consider local residents and the operators of the sites we regulate, as fairly as possible within our consultation processes.

****Please note – the application hasn't changed and we are reopening the consultation on exactly the same application reference EPR/WP3239EK/V003.** Our draft decision is still that we are 'minded to' issue the permit. This additional 20 working days' consultation is to provide time for any additional people who wish to comment to do so. Please do not resubmit comments already submitted. However, if you wish to make additional comments which highlight new information, you will have the opportunity to do so.

All relevant information regarding this application can be found at the following website: <https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/psc/wr2-6np-jh-and-jm-hickton-thorngrove>
If you wish to make comments you can add them to the Citizen Space page at the link above or e-mail pscpublicresponse@environment-agency.gov.uk

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