

# Comments we can and cannot consider

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## Permit application for poultry farming units

This is a summary of the types of comments we can and cannot consider when deciding whether or not to issue an environmental permit.

### Comments we can consider:

- General operational management of the proposed facility.
- Handling and storing of raw materials or materials used in the activity.
- Efficient use of raw materials, water and energy.
- Control of odour, noise, litter and pests.
- Control of handling and storage of residual wastes from the process e.g. poultry manure, dirty wash water, biomass boiler ash etc.
- Potential impacts on the local environment, eg measures in place to prevent pollution during a flood.
- Potential impacts on health, with advice from Public Health England as the responsible authority on this issue.
- Any local factors that you believe the applicant has not considered in their permit application in relation to environmental impacts.

### Comments we cannot consider:

*These issues would form part of any future planning application by the operator or are outside the remit of the Environment Agency.*

- Animal welfare - this is not dealt with by Environmental Permitting Regulations. The operator of the site must comply with appropriate animal welfare standards in the design and operation of the farm.
- Alternative locations and size of the proposed facility.
- Visual Impact.
- Operational hours
- Vehicular movements to and from the site.

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