

Press release: Poultry farm permit application drop in session

The Environment Agency is holding a public drop in session on Friday 15 September, 2pm to 7pm at:

Upton Snodsbury Village Hall

Worcestershire

The aim of the drop in is to speak to local residents and answer any questions about the environmental permit application which has been submitted to the Environment Agency by A&C Poultry to operate a free range poultry farm in Upton Snodsbury, Worcestershire.

The environmental permit application is separate from the planning application process and focuses on the technology used, how the site is to be operated, the emissions from the operation and any direct impact the site has on human health and the environment. The Environment Agency are not able to consider the suitability of the location (other than the impacts of emissions on local receptors), visual impact, the need for the facility, where the waste comes from and any infrastructure impacts such as transport, power lines and utilities, as these are part of the planning process.

Dane Broomfield, Environment Management Team Leader, said:

It is important that we obtain and consider the views of the public before we make any decision regarding the application. We would like to invite communities close to the site to forward any comments on the application as part of our consultation process. The consultation period started on 14 August 2017 and will end on 29 September 2017.

Copies of the [permit application and supporting documents](#) are available online.

Or you can view the documents on the public register free of charge at the following location:

Environment Agency

Riversmeet House

Newtown Industrial Estate

Northway Lane
Tewkesbury
Gloucestershire
GL20 8JG

Any comments should be made in writing by 29 September 2017 to:

The Environment Agency
Permitting Support Centre
Environmental Permitting Team
Quadrant 2
99 Parkway Avenue
Parkway Business Park,
Sheffield
S9 4WF

Or by emailing pscpublicresponse@environment-agency.gov.uk, quoting reference EA/EPR/HP3433YU/A001 in any correspondence.

Dane explained:

The Environment Agency will consider any issues raised, and will produce a draft decision on whether we are 'minded to' issue to the environmental permit. We will announce our draft decision and there will be another period of public consultation at this stage.