

CABINET 19 JULY 2023
PUBLIC QUESTIONTIME

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In light of the Footbridge Farm applicant now not pursuing a Judicial Review, I am re-submitting my question from June's Cabinet, with certain clarifications, which I hope can now be addressed fully. How will the Council, its Planning and Regulatory Services Departments, Ecologist and specialist consultees take into account the recent ruling of the Planning Inspector into the Footbridge Farm intensive poultry unit (IPU) planning appeal at Tasley, Bridgnorth (APP/L3245/W/21/3289216, 5 May 2023)? In particular, how will they in future implement the Inspector's conclusion that the odour and air quality modelling by AS Modelling and Data, which has been and continues to be used to support many IPU applications across the county, 'cannot be relied upon'?

Response

The technical assessments which form part of poultry applications are carefully assessed by our specialist consultees as part of the planning process. In terms of other applications we are dealing with, the consultees will continue to look at the suitability of the methodology used in the assessments to ensure that they are robust and appropriate. This will take account of the inspector's decision on Footbridge Farm and other relevant guidance.