

Validation Checklist for Livestock Units (LSU)

Notes for Shropshire Council Central Validation Team

1 If yes is ticked against Step 1, then the information required under the following Steps is not necessary for the application to be validated.

2 If Yes is ticked against STEP 2, then the information required under the following Steps is not necessary for the application to be validated.

Ecology and Biodiversity

Planning applications for livestock units (LSU's) require careful assessment especially where these might impact on sensitive environmental receptors or habitats. To ensure that such applications are considered efficiently, specific information will be required at the validation stage. Livestock units include those classed as 'intensive', which require a permit from the Environment Agency, as well as those which fall below the relevant thresholds and are only considered under the planning process.

Please refer to the Interim Guidance Note GN2, including Table 1 and Figure 1 Flow chart (<http://shropshire.gov.uk/environment/biodiversity-ecology-and-planning/>). This will assist in determining what information is required at each step of the assessment. The following form includes the information which must be submitted with a planning application for a livestock unit. If the form is not completed and the appropriate information is not supplied, the application will not be validated. Supplying all the required information at submission of the application will help the Local Planning Authority to reach a decision in a timely manner. For each application please check the website for the most recent version of the Interim Guidance Note GN2.

Screening Step	Information item	Item submitted (please tick)	
		Yes	N/A
STEP 1	A statement that there are no international or national designated wildlife sites (SAC, SPA, Ramsar, SSSI) within 5km and no Natural Assets (Ancient Woodland, Local Wildlife Sites etc. within 2km of the proposed LSU. ¹		
STEP 2	A table listing international or national wildlife sites within 5km and/or Natural Assets within 2km of the proposed LSU. For each of the sites/features list: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The habitats or other sensitive receptors potentially affected. The ammonia critical level (Cle) and nitrogen critical load (CLo) for each sensitive receptor on the site. The background level of ammonia at the specific site or locality. 		
	Records of Simple Calculation of Ammonia Impacts Limits (SCAIL) or Ammonia Screening Tool (AST) modelling of the Process Contribution (PC) of the proposed LSU to each of the sensitive sites/features.		
	Other sources of PCs (name, grid reference, LSU or other source type and livestock capacity, PC, source of		

	information) that could act in-combination with the proposed LSU.		
	A statement that the PC and sum of PCs added together are less than 1% of the Cle or CLo of all sensitive receptors. ²		
STEP 3a	A detailed air quality impact assessment carried out and reported by an appropriately experienced and qualified air quality professional.		
STEP 3b	A full description of Best Available Techniques or other mitigation measures proposed to be used and an indication of whether or not the detailed modelling has taken these into account.		
STEP 5	For international and national designated wildlife sites provide a report by an appropriately experienced and qualified ecological consultant detailing and assessing the likely impacts of the PC, sum of PCs and background level on the sensitive receptors.		
STEP 5a	For Ancient Woodland (including Plantation Ancient Woodland), Local Wildlife Sites and other Natural Assets provide a report by an appropriately experienced and qualified ecological consultant detailing and assessing the likely impacts of the PC, sum of PCs and background level on the sensitive receptors, how the avoid, mitigate, compensate and enhance hierarchy has been followed and any residual adverse impacts.		
	A report detailing the alternatives considered for the development (including location). Also, a socio-economic statement on the benefits of the development and why these can be considered to outweigh the residual harm to the Natural Asset(s).		

Public Protection

Screening Step	Information item to be submitted with application	Item submitted (please tick)	
		Yes	N/A
All livestock units	Full details of ventilation system.		
If residential properties are within 400m of proposed site for >100,000 birds or any pigs.	Noise and odour assessments.		
If residential properties are within 200m of proposed site for > 30,000 birds or any pigs	Noise and odour assessments.		
If >400,000 poultry in mechanically ventilated sheds or	Assessment in line with Box 7.2 of the document Local Air Quality Management Technical Guidance 2016, which can be found at https://laqm.defra.gov.uk/technical-		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • >200,000 poultry in passively ventilated sheds or • >100,000 turkeys in sheds <p>are proposed</p>	<p>guidance/, or any subsequent document produced.</p> <p>Full detailed assessment if threshold in above guidance is met.</p>		
<p>NB If dwellings are within c.20m of the access track.</p>	<p>Applications should not progress where these dwellings are not within the control of the applicant or where they are under the control of the applicant but could be placed for sale on the open market in future. The exception is if the applicant specifically states that no night time HGV movements will take place between the hours of 2300 – 0700 hours or where the applicant can provide means of ensuring that the properties will not be made available for occupation by those not directly linked to the LSU in future. This is due to unacceptable noise levels in residential dwellings when HGVs pass at night which may disturb sleep and have a significant impact on the health and wellbeing of residents.</p>		