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Dear Mr Pitt-Kerby

LOCAL AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT: 2012 UPDATING AND SCREENING ASSESSMENT

Thank you for consulting the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on North Dorset DC's Air Quality Updating and Screening Assessment. Please find comments on the report attached.

The report provides update with respect to air quality management in the District and outlines the changes in air quality since the 2011 Progress Report was issued.

Findings of the screening assessment have found that a detailed assessment will be required for PM₁₀ at the HGV wash facility near Gillingham Station provided that the facility is not relocated. The report also states that East Down Farm was likely to increase its stocking to 490,000 birds. As this has not happened yet no further action is necessary. In addition, there is an ongoing review of the current guidance on poultry farms to determine if any changes will be required to the screening criteria set in LAQM.TG (09). On the basis of the evidence provided the conclusions of the USA are accepted.

We look forward to receiving the Detailed Assessment report if the HGV wash facility is not relocated. We also look forward to the 2013 Progress Report by the due date which is the end of April 2013.

Yours sincerely

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