

Animal Waste Management and Maintenance Plan

Winchester Livestock and Poultry Farm

Submitted to: Eastleigh Borough Council

Site Address: Winchester Livestock and Poultry Farm, Winchester
Road, Fair Oak, Hampshire, SO50 7HD

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1. Animal Numbers and Types

Our farm operates as a mixed poultry and livestock holding. Stock numbers fluctuate throughout the year based on breeding cycles, seasonal conditions, and management requirements.

- Poultry: We typically maintain between 150 - 200 birds at any given time, comprising a mixed variety of breeds.
- Livestock: We typically hold between 10 - 20 animals (goats, lambs, and pigs) at any one time.

These figures are indicative and subject to normal agricultural variation.

2. Storage and Management of Animal Waste

Animal waste is managed in a controlled and environmentally responsible manner:

- **Animal Waste Storage Location:** All manure and bedding waste is stored on a designated, purpose-made area, as indicated on figure 1 below (pink circle).



Figure 1 – Manure storage

- **Source of Waste:** The majority of our poultry are free-ranging and naturally fertilise the fields. Waste primarily comes from bedding (straw/hay) and droppings collected from sheds/aviaries.
- **Handling Process:**
 - Waste is removed from sheds/aviaries as required and transported to the designated storage area.
 - Waste is composted on site and where possible retained on site as a natural fertiliser.
 - Excess composted waste is sold directly from the farm gate to customers for use as compost and soil improver.

Should waste levels exceed on-site capacity, we have arrangements with licensed farmers to collect and safely remove surplus material from our land.

3. Waste Removal Schedule

Due to the natural fluctuation in livestock and poultry numbers, a fixed waste removal schedule is not practical. However, waste management is undertaken proactively:

- Waste is removed from sheds and aviaries as necessary to maintain hygiene and animal welfare standards.
- Waste is either:
 - Retained and used on site, or
 - Sold to customers at the farm gate, or
 - Collected by licensed waste carriers if accumulation exceeds on-site capacity.

This flexible approach ensures waste is managed effectively, prevents excess build-up, and protects environmental quality.

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4. Compliance and Ongoing Management

The farm will continue to manage and maintain waste in line with this plan, ensuring that:

- Waste is stored only in the designated area.
- Waste removal is carried out in a timely and environmentally responsible manner.
- Records of external waste collection (where applicable) are retained.

This plan will be reviewed periodically and in the event of there being any significant changes to farm operations.