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Date

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Dear Ms Ruvolo

**Enquiry regarding Bernard Matthews Briston 160211/cb02**

Thank you for your enquiry which we received on 6 February.

We respond to requests under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

We have answered your questions as below, we have included your original questions for ease of reference:

- 1) How many complaints relating to odour from that site have been made to The Environment Agency each year from 2001 up to the end of 2015?

According to our records we have received 1 complaint relating to odour which was in 2006.

- 2) Have any of those complaints been made about the smell by properties on Holt Road, Briston?

No.

- 3) From which roads in Briston have most of the complaints come from?

Edgefield Road.

- 4) Have Bernard Matthews at Briston breached any conditions in the last 15 years requiring enforcement action by The Environment Agency? In which case what action was taken and what were the outcomes.

Yes. In 2015 they were breached for stocking chickens which was not in the permit and the trial period had expired. They were required to complete a variation before stocking commenced, which did not happen.

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Due to the emissions being significantly less from chickens than turkeys and the stocked numbers were also less than the allowed permitted numbers we assessed the environmental risks to be low.

In this case a warning letter was issued and a non –compliance scored against the permit.

I have attached our Standard Notice or licence which explains the permitted use of this information.

Please get in touch if you have any further queries or contact us within two months if you would like us to review the information we have sent.

Yours sincerely

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