

Notice of variation and consolidation with introductory note

The Environmental Permitting (England & Wales) Regulations 2016

Dyson Farming Limited

Glasshouse
Beeches Lane
Carrington
Lincolnshire
PE22 7JD

Variation application number

EPR/UP3922SR/V002

Permit number

EPR/UP3922SR

Glasshouse

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Introductory note

This introductory note does not form a part of the notice

Under the Environmental Permitting (England & Wales) Regulations 2016 (schedule 5, part 1, paragraph 19) a variation may comprise a consolidated permit reflecting the variations and a notice specifying the variations included in that consolidated permit.

Schedule 1 of the notice specifies the conditions that have been varied and schedule 2 comprises a consolidated permit which reflects the variations being made.

This variation is for changing the previous standard rules MCP permit into a complex bespoke MCP permit, and addition of two existing CHP engines (3.508MWth each) fuelled with biogas, a new boiler (6.219MWth) fuelled with gas oil, and an existing emergency flare (7.5MWth) fuelled with biogas.

This permit will allow the operator to operate:

- One or more medium combustion plant (MCP) between 1 and <50MWth but aggregated to <50MWth, and/or
- One or more Tranche A Specified Generator (SG) aggregated to <50MWth at a specified location.

The details of the units and associated limits and monitoring requirements are specified in tables S1.1 and S3.1.

Glasshouse is operated by Dyson Farming Limited. The site is located in Lincolnshire, 10km north of the town of Boston, and lies in the East Lindsey District Council. The SG comprises of the two existing 3.508MWth CHP engines fuelled on biogas with a net thermal input of 7.016MWth and are classified as Tranche A generators. The MCP comprises of a new 4.944MWth boiler fuelled by gas oil which is currently permitted, and a second new 6.219MWth gas oil boiler which is being added as a part of this variation. The MCP's are defined as 'new' since they were commissioned after December 2018. The SG's were commissioned before December 2018 hence they are defined as 'existing'.

The CHP engines on site are a part of an Anaerobic Digestion (AD) facility, which is fed on crop only feedstock material grown by Dyson farming. The heat generated by the engines is used to warm an adjacent greenhouse to produce high-quality strawberries during the time of the year when the temperature gets too cold. The electricity produced is used for farming operation with the excess being transported to National Grid. The two CHP's are accredited on the Feed in Tariff (FiT) scheme until 2035. The CHP's are fuelled by biogas produced by the AD facility and contains methane and carbon dioxide in majority with traces of oxygen and hydrogen sulphide. The CHP engines are permitted to operate up to 8760 hours annually. The CHP's share a common 16m high windshield, but the exhaust gases do not intermix as the flues are separate.

The oil boilers provide additional heat to the greenhouse facilities during colder months when the heat from the CHP engines alone is not sufficient. The 4.944MWth boiler is permitted to operate up to 3000 hours annually, and the 6.219MWth oil boiler is permitted to operate 2500 hours annually. The exhaust stacks for both the boilers are 9m high and they do not share a common windshield.

An emergency flare is present on site for burning the biogas from the AD facility for Out of Normal Operating Conditions (OTNOC). Out of normal operating condition for operation of this emergency flare will apply when one or more CHP engines will be out of operation. The emergency flare will not be permitted as a part of this permit since it is not considered MCP or SG under Medium Combustion Plant Directive (MCPD).

There are no Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) within 1.5km of the site and no Special Areas of Conservation (SACs), Special Protection Areas (SPAs) and Ramsar site within 1.5km of the site. The facility is not located within an Air Quality Management Area.

The schedules specify the changes made to the permit.

We consider that in reaching our decision to vary the permit we have taken into account all relevant considerations and legal requirements. We are satisfied that the permit will ensure that a high level of protection is provided for the environment and human health and that the activities will not give rise to any significant pollution of the environment or harm to human health.

The status log of a permit sets out the permitting history, including any changes to the permit reference number.

Status log of the permit		
Description	Date	Comments
Application received	Duly made 03/04/24	Application for a standard rules permit
Permit determined EPR/UP3922SR	19/04/24	Permit issued to Dyson Farming Limited
Application EPR/UP3922SR/V002 (variation and consolidation)	Duly made 07/01/25	Application to vary and update the permit to a complex bespoke
Variation determined and consolidation issued EPR/UP3922SR/V002	23/05/2025	Varied and consolidated permit issued

End of introductory note

Notice of variation and consolidation

The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016

The Environment Agency in exercise of its powers under regulation 20 of the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 varies

Permit number

EPR/UP3922SR

Issued to

Dyson Farming Limited (“the operator”)

whose registered office is

The Estate Office

Cyclone Way

Nocton

Lincoln

England

LN4 2GR

company registration number **06970038**

to operate a regulated facility at

Glasshouse

Beeches Lane

Carrington

Lincolnshire

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to the extent set out in the schedules.

The notice shall take effect from 23/05/2025

Name	Date
Beccy Brough	23/05/2025

Authorised on behalf of the Environment Agency

Schedule 1

All conditions have been varied by the consolidated permit as a result of the application made by the operator.

Schedule 2 – consolidated permit

Consolidated permit issued as a separate document.

Permit

The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016

Permit number

EPR/UP3922SR

This is the consolidated permit referred to in the variation and consolidation notice for application EPR/UP3922SR/V002 authorising,

Dyson Farming Limited ("the operator"),

whose registered office is

The Estate Office

Cyclone Way

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Lincoln

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LN4 2GR

company registration number **06970038**

to operate one or more Medium Combustion Plant and/or Specified Generator at

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to the extent authorised by and subject to the conditions of this permit.

Name	Date
Beccy Brough	23/05/2025

Authorised on behalf of the Environment Agency

Conditions

1 Management

1.1 General management

- 1.1.1 The operator shall manage and operate the activities:
- (a) in accordance with a written management system that identifies and minimises risks of pollution, so far as is reasonably practicable, including those arising from operations, maintenance, accidents, incidents, non-conformances, closure and those drawn to the attention of the operator as a result of complaints; and
 - (b) using sufficient competent persons and resources.
- 1.1.2 Records demonstrating compliance with condition 1.1.1 shall be maintained.
- 1.1.3 Any person having duties that are or may be affected by the matters set out in this permit shall have convenient access to a copy of it kept at or near the place where those duties are carried out.

2 Operations

2.1 Permitted activities

- 2.1.1 The operator is only authorised to carry out the activities specified in schedule 1, table S1.1 (the “activities”).

2.2 The site

- 2.2.1 No MCP shall be operated beyond the site of the grid reference specified for it in schedule 1, table S1.1 of the permit.

2.3 Operating techniques

- 2.3.1 The activities shall be operated using the techniques and in the manner described in schedule 1, tables S1.2A and S1.2B.
- 2.3.2 Any raw materials or fuels listed in schedule 2 table S2.1 shall conform to the specifications set out in that table.

3 Emissions and monitoring

3.1 Emissions to water, air or land

- 3.1.1 There shall be no point source emissions to air except from the sources and emission points listed in schedule 3, table S3.1.
- 3.1.2 The limits given in schedule 3 shall not be exceeded.

3.2 Monitoring

- 3.2.1 The operator shall, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency, undertake the monitoring specified in the following tables in schedule 3 to this permit, or at a greater frequency if notified to the operator in writing by the Environment Agency:

(a) point source emissions specified in table S3.1.

3.2.2 Monitoring shall not take place during periods of start up or shut down.

3.2.3 For new MCPs the first monitoring measurements shall be carried out within 4 months of the issue date of the permit or the date when the MCP is first put into operation, whichever is later. For existing MCPs the first monitoring measurement shall be carried out at any time, but no later than the relevant compliance date.

3.2.4 The operator shall maintain records of all monitoring including records of the taking and analysis of samples, instrument measurements (periodic and continual), calibrations, examinations, test and surveys and any assessment or evaluation made on the basis of such data.

3.2.5 Monitoring equipment, techniques, personnel and organisations employed for the emissions monitoring programme specified in condition 3.2.1 shall have either MCERTS certification or MCERTS accreditation (as appropriate), where available, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.

4 Information

4.1 Records

4.1.1 All records required to be made by this permit shall:

- (a) be legible;
- (b) be made as soon as reasonably practicable;
- (c) if amended, be amended in such a way that the original and any subsequent amendments remain legible, or are capable of retrieval; and
- (d) be retained, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency, for at least 6 years from the date when the records were made.

4.1.2 The operator shall maintain convenient access, in either electronic or hard copy, to the records, plans and management system required to be maintained by this permit.

4.1.3 The operator shall maintain a record of the type and quantity of fuel used and the total annual hours of operation for each MCP and/or generator.

4.1.4 The operator shall maintain a record of any events of non-compliance and the measures taken to ensure compliance is restored in the shortest possible time.

4.2 Reporting

4.2.1 The operator shall send all reports and notifications required by the permit to the Environment Agency using the contact details supplied in writing by the Environment Agency.

4.2.2 Within 28 days of the end of the reporting period the operator shall, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency, submit reports of the monitoring and assessment carried out in accordance with the conditions of this permit, as follows:

- (a) in respect of the parameters and emission points specified in schedule 4, table S4.1;
- (b) for the reporting periods specified in schedule 4, table S4.1 and using the forms specified in schedule 4, table S4.2; and
- (c) giving the information from such results as required by the forms specified in those tables.

4.3 Notifications

4.3.1 In the event:

- (a) of a breach of any of the permit conditions the operator must immediately—
 - (i) inform the Environment Agency, and
 - (ii) take the measures necessary to ensure that compliance is restored within the shortest possible time;
- (b) of a breach of any of the permit conditions which causes a significant degradation of local air quality, the operator must immediately suspend the operation of the activities or the relevant part of them until compliance with the conditions has been restored.

4.3.2 Any information provided under condition 4.3.1 shall be confirmed by sending the information listed in schedule 5 to this permit within the time period specified in that schedule.

4.3.3 Where the Environment Agency has requested in writing that it shall be notified when the operator is to undertake monitoring and/or spot sampling, the operator shall inform the Environment Agency when the relevant monitoring and/or spot sampling is to take place. The operator shall provide this information to the Environment Agency at least 14 days before the date the monitoring is to be undertaken.

4.3.4 The Environment Agency shall be notified within 14 days of the occurrence of the following matters, except where such disclosure is prohibited by Stock Exchange rules:

Where the operator is a registered company:

- (a) any change in the operator's trading name, registered name or registered office address; and
- (b) any steps taken with a view to the operator going into administration, entering into a company voluntary arrangement or being wound up.

Where the operator is a corporate body other than a registered company:

- (c) any change in the operator's name or address; and
- (d) any steps taken with a view to the dissolution of the operator.

In any other case:

- (e) the death of any of the named operators (where the operator consists of more than one named individual);
- (f) any change in the operator's name(s) or address(es); and
- (g) any steps taken with a view to the operator, or any one of them, going into bankruptcy, entering into a composition or arrangement with creditors, or, in the case of them being in a partnership, dissolving the partnership.

4.4 Interpretation

4.4.1 In this permit the expressions listed in schedule 6 shall have the meaning given in that schedule.

4.4.2 In this permit references to reports and notifications mean written reports and notifications, except where reference is made to notification being made "immediately", in which case it may be provided by telephone.

Schedule 1 – Operations

Table S1.1 activities				
National Grid Reference and or activity reference/ emission point	Activity listed in the EP Regulations	Description of MCP and/or specified generator	Fuel	Operating hours limit per year
CHP 1 NGR: TF 30534 54416, CHP 2 NGR: TF 30534 54416	Schedule 25A – MCP as detailed in Schedule 7 and Schedule 25B – Specified generator	2 x 3.508MWth CHP engines	Biogas	8760 hours for each engine annually.
Oil Boiler 1 NGR: TF 30698 54600, Oil Boiler 2 NGR: TF 30766 54750	Schedule 25A – MCP as detailed in Schedule 7	1 x 4.994MWth boiler, 1 x 6.219MWth boiler	Gas oil	3000 hours (for 4.994MWth) and 2500 hours (for 6.219MWth) annually.

Table S1.2A Operating techniques for Medium Combustion Plant as detailed in Schedule 7
(a) Each MCP must be operated in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and records must be made and retained to demonstrate this. (b) The operator must keep periods of start-up and shut-down of each MCP as short as possible. (c) There must be no persistent emission of 'dark smoke' as defined in section 3(1) of the Clean Air Act 1993.

Table S1.2B Operating techniques for Specified Generators
(a) Each generator must be operated in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and records must be made and retained to demonstrate this. (b) The operator must keep periods of start-up and shut down of the generators as short as possible (c) There must be no persistent emission of 'dark smoke' as defined in section 3(1) of the Clean Air Act 1993. (d) The stack must be vertical and unimpeded by cowls or caps.

Schedule 2 – Waste types, raw materials and fuels

Table S2.1 Raw materials and fuels	
Raw materials and fuel description	Specification
Gas oil or equivalent substitute to be agreed in writing with the Environment Agency	Not exceeding 0.1% w/w sulphur content

Schedule 3 – Emissions and monitoring

Table S3.1 Point source emissions to air – emission limits and monitoring requirements						
Emission point ref. & location	Source/technology	Parameter	Limit (including unit)	Reference period	Monitoring frequency	Monitoring standard or method Note 1
CHP 1 and CHP 2	Existing medium combustion plant which are engines and gas turbines fuelled on biogas and specified generator	Oxides of Nitrogen (NO and NO ₂ expressed as NO ₂)	190 mg/Nm ³	Periodic	Every 3 years from date of acceptance of first monitoring measurements under condition 3.2.3	MCERTS BS EN 14792
		Sulphur dioxide	60 mg/Nm ³	Periodic	Every 3 years from date of acceptance of first monitoring measurements under condition 3.2.3	MCERTS BS EN 14791
Oil Boiler 1	Existing medium combustion plant other and engines and gas turbines fuelled on gas oil	Oxides of Nitrogen (NO and NO ₂ expressed as NO ₂)	200 mg/Nm ³	Periodic	Every 3 years from date of acceptance of first monitoring measurements under condition 3.2.3	BS EN 14792
		Carbon monoxide	No limit set	Periodic	Every 3 years from date of acceptance of first monitoring measurements under condition 3.2.3	MCERTS BS EN 15058
Oil Boiler 2	New medium combustion plant other and engines and gas turbines fuelled on gas oil	Oxides of Nitrogen (NO and NO ₂ expressed as NO ₂)	200 mg/Nm ³	Periodic	Every 3 years from date of acceptance of first monitoring measurements under condition 3.2.3	BS EN 14792
		Carbon monoxide	No limit set	Periodic	Every 3 years from date of acceptance of first monitoring measurements	MCERTS BS EN 15058

Table S3.1 Point source emissions to air – emission limits and monitoring requirements						
Emission point ref. & location	Source/technology	Parameter	Limit (including unit)	Reference period	Monitoring frequency	Monitoring standard or method Note 1
					under condition 3.2.3	
Note 1: Monitoring requirements are defined at a temperature of 273.15 K, a pressure of 101.3 kPa and after correction for the water vapour content of the waste gases at a standardised O₂ content of 6% for solid fuels, 15% for engines and gas turbines and 3% all other MCPs.						

Schedule 4 – Reporting

Parameters, for which reports shall be made, in accordance with conditions of this permit, are listed below.

Table S4.1 Reporting of monitoring data			
Parameter	Emission or monitoring point/reference	Reporting period	Period begins
Emissions to air Parameters as required by condition 3.2.1.	CHP 1 CHP 2 Oil boiler 1	4 months from date of issue of permit and then every 3 years	1 January
Emissions to air Parameters as required by condition 3.2.1.	Oil boiler 2	Every 3 years from date of acceptance of first monitoring measurements under condition 3.2.3	1 January

Table S4.2 Reporting forms		
Media/parameter	Reporting format	Date of form
Air	Emissions to Air Reporting Form or other form as agreed in writing by the Environment Agency	Version 1, 08/03/2021

Schedule 5 – Notification

These pages outline the information that the operator must provide.

Units of measurement used in information supplied under Part A and B requirements shall be appropriate to the circumstances of the emission. Where appropriate, a comparison should be made of actual emissions and authorised emission limits.

If any information is considered commercially confidential, it should be separated from non-confidential information, supplied on a separate sheet and accompanied by an application for commercial confidentiality under the provisions of the EP Regulations.

Part A

Permit Number	
Name of operator	
Location of Facility	
Time and date of the detection	

(a) Notification requirements for any malfunction, breakdown or failure of equipment or techniques, accident, or emission of a substance not controlled by an emission limit which has caused, is causing or may cause significant pollution	
To be notified within 24 hours of detection	
Date and time of the event	
Reference or description of the location of the event	
Description of where any release into the environment took place	
Substances(s) potentially released	
Best estimate of the quantity or rate of release of substances	
Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to stop any emission	
Description of the failure or accident.	

(b) Notification requirements for the breach of a limit	
To be notified within 24 hours of detection unless otherwise specified below	
Emission point reference/ source	
Parameter(s)	
Limit	
Measured value and uncertainty	
Date and time of monitoring	

(b) Notification requirements for the breach of a limit	
To be notified within 24 hours of detection unless otherwise specified below	
Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to stop the emission	

Time periods for notification following detection of a breach of a limit	
Parameter	Notification period

(c) Notification requirements for the breach of permit conditions not related to limits	
To be notified within 24 hours of detection	
Condition breached	
Date, time and duration of breach	
Details of the permit breach i.e. what happened including impacts observed.	
Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to restore permit compliance.	

(d) Notification requirements for the detection of any significant adverse environmental effect	
To be notified within 24 hours of detection	
Description of where the effect on the environment was detected	
Substances(s) detected	
Concentrations of substances detected	
Date of monitoring/sampling	

Part B – to be submitted as soon as practicable

Any more accurate information on the matters for notification under Part A.	
Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to prevent a recurrence of the incident	

Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to rectify, limit or prevent any pollution of the environment which has been or may be caused by the emission	
The dates of any unauthorised emissions from the facility in the preceding 24 months.	

Name*	
Post	
Signature	
Date	

* authorised to sign on behalf of the operator

Schedule 6 – Interpretation

“accident” means an accident that may result in pollution.

“application” means the application for this permit, together with any additional information supplied by the operator as part of the application and any response to a notice served under Schedule 5 to the EP Regulations.

“authorised officer” means any person authorised by the Environment Agency under section 108(1) of The Environment Act 1995 to exercise, in accordance with the terms of any such authorisation, any power specified in section 108(4) of that Act.

“combined heat and power” (CHP) or Cogeneration means the simultaneous generation in one process of thermal energy and electrical or mechanical energy.

“compliance date” means 01/01/2025 for existing MCPs and a tranche A specified generator with net rated thermal input of greater than 5MW or 01/01/2030 for existing MCPs and a tranche A specified generator with a net rated thermal input of less than or equal to 5MW.

“EP Regulations” means The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations SI 2016 No.1154 and words and expressions used in this permit which are also used in the Regulations have the same meanings as in those Regulations.

“existing MCP” means an MCP first put into operation before 20/12/2018.

“first put into operation” means that the plant must have been fired with its design fuel up to its full load. This can be, but does not have to be, during commissioning.

“gas oil” includes diesel and is defined in Article 3(19) of the MCPD.

“limited operating hours MCP” means an MCP that meets the requirements of paragraph 8 of Part 2 of Schedule 25A of the EP Regulations.

“MCERTS” means the Environment Agency’s Monitoring Certification Scheme.

“medium combustion plant” or “MCP” means a combustion plant with a rated thermal input equal to or greater than 1 MW but less than 50 MW.

“Medium Combustion Plant Directive” or “MCPD” means Directive 2015/2193/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on the limitation of emissions of certain pollutants into the air from medium combustion plants, as read in accordance with Schedule 1A to the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016.

“new-existing MCP” means an existing MCP in respect of which the operator has confirmed that it will comply with the standards applicable to new MCP including but not limited to screening distances to protected habitats and emission limit values.

“new MCP” means an MCP first put into operation on or after 20/12/2018.

“operating hours” means the time, expressed in hours, during which a combustion plant is operating and discharging emissions into the air, excluding start-up and shut-down periods.

“quarter” means a calendar year quarter commencing on 1 January, 1 April, 1 July or 1 October.

“specified generator” has the meaning given in paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 25B of The EP Regulations.

“tranche A generator” has the meaning given in paragraph 3(3) of schedule 25B of The EP Regulations.

“tranche B generator” is any generator that is not a Tranche A generator.

“year” means calendar year ending 31 December.

Schedule 7 – Annex 1 of MCPD

1. Rated thermal input (MW) of the medium combustion plant.	2 x 3.508MWth 1 x 4.944MWth 1 x 6.219MWth
2. Type of the medium combustion plant (diesel engine, gas turbine, dual fuel engine, other engine or other medium combustion plant).	2 x CHP engines 2 x Boilers
3. Type and share of fuels used according to the fuel categories laid down in Annex II.	2 x Biogas 2 x Gas oil
4. Date of the start of the operation of the medium combustion plant or, where the exact date of the start of the operation is unknown, proof of the fact that the operation started before 20 December 2018.	10/09/2015 [CHP 1&2,] 24/11/2020 [Oil Boiler 1] 11/11/2024 [Oil Boiler 2]
5. Sector of activity of the medium combustion plant or the facility in which it is applied (NACE code).	A.01
6. Expected number of annual operating hours of the medium combustion plant and average load in use.	2 x CHP engines at 100% average load [8760 hours in total] 1 x Oil boiler 1 at 34.25% average load [3000 hours] 1 x Oil boiler 2 at 28.54% average load [2500 hours]
7. Where the option of exemption under Article 6(3) or Article 6(8) is used, a declaration signed by the operator that the medium combustion plant will not be operated more than the number of hours referred to in those paragraphs.	NA
8. Name and registered office of the operator and, in the case of stationary medium combustion plants, the address where the plant is located.	<u>Registered Office:</u> The Estate Office Cyclone Way Nocton Lincoln England LN4 2GR <u>Site Address:</u> Glasshouse Beeches Lane Carrington Lincolnshire PE22 7JD

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