

Purreldeggie Poultry Farm

Public Consultation



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Poultry farm public exhibition

Aviagen Ltd have lodged a Proposal of Application Notice with Perth and Kinross Council for a new pedigree rearing farm at Purreldeggie Farm. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting public health and government advice, including restrictions on public events, the public consultation is taking place digitally and through direct communication with stakeholders and interested parties. Information can be found online at: www.sruc.ac.uk/purreldeggie

If government restrictions and advice changes during this consultation period, and it is safe to do so, the developer is keen to hold a public event in person, which will be advertised to the public and consultees in advance.

To allow public engagement to continue and to provide the local community with further information on the proposal, this booklet provides copies of the information boards that would be on display at a public event. This information is being made available online, sent to nearby properties and relevant consultees.

The purpose of this information is to:

- explain why this site has been identified for a potential poultry development
- describe the various studies being undertaken to assess the potential environmental effects
- provide details of what the poultry farm will be
- get your comments, suggestions and feedback on the proposal

The development of the poultry farm is ongoing and we expect to refine the project following the public consultation period and from the conclusions of our own studies and assessments. The final details will be presented in a planning application to Perth and Kinross Council.

Please send any comments or questions to the contact details provided and we will respond to all communications we receive. Thank you for taking the time to engage with this proposal.

Who are Aviagen?

Aviagen is a global poultry breeding company whose UK and R & D headquarters is in Edinburgh. We are first and foremost an agricultural business, with bird welfare our first priority.

We are at the highest point of the food chain, carefully and ethically breeding poultry to meet the needs of producers around the world. Because of our role in the food chain, and in comparison to the wider poultry production sector, we breed a relatively small number of birds at our facilities. We are committed to taking a balanced approach to breeding, meaning we have industry-leading standards of biosecurity, animal welfare and sustainability.

We are proud to have been a rural employer in Scotland for over 60 years. Aviagen employs more than 5,000 people and has a distribution network serving customers in more than 100 countries.

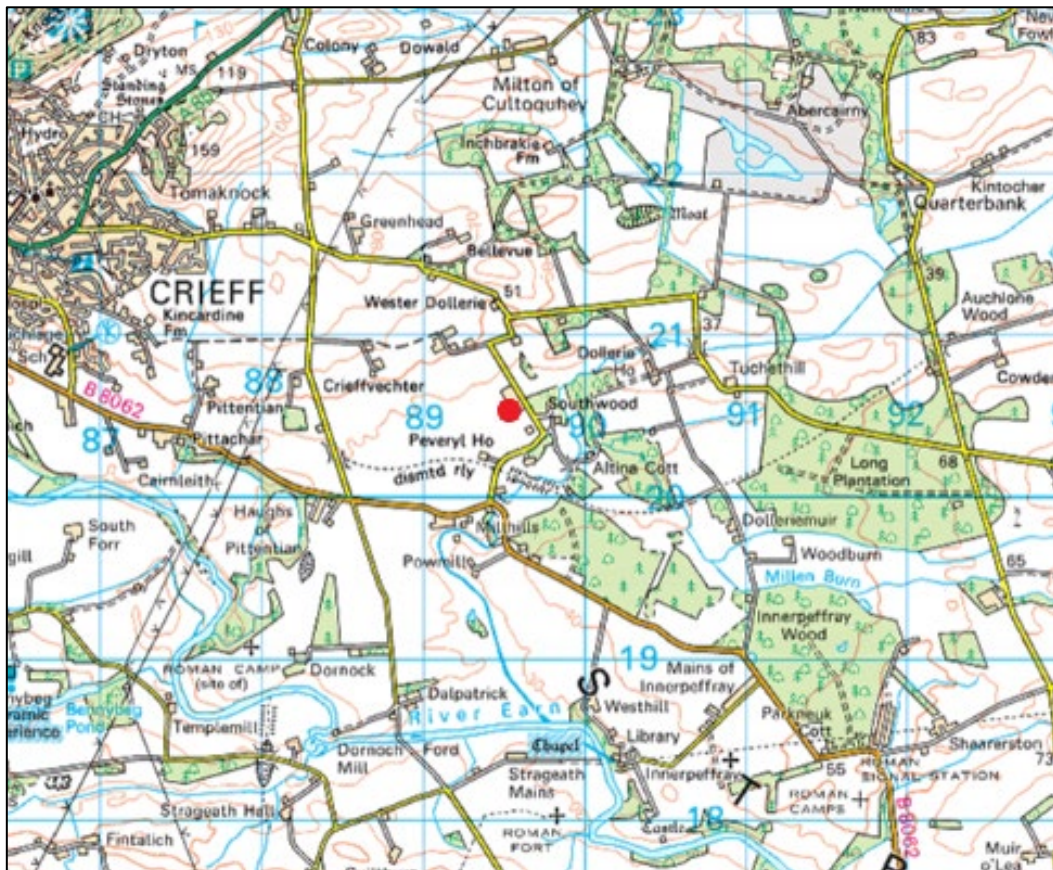
For further information, please visit www.aviagen.com



Why Purreldeggie?

The site was chosen for various reasons including:

- Its current use as a poultry farm by Aviagen.
- The opportunity to modernise and upgrade the existing farm.
- Its environmental setting and excellent bio-security status.
- The agricultural surroundings and its distance from nearby properties (more than 200m away from the nearest third party dwellings).
- The site location in relation to Aviagen's other farms meaning good transport logistics between facilities.



Site location

The poultry farm

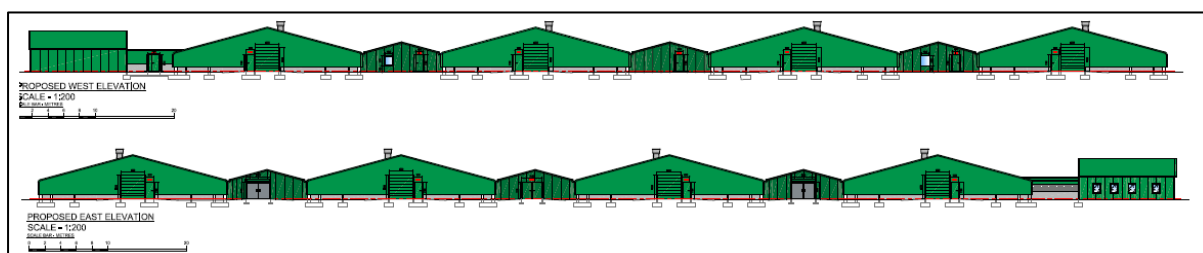
The proposal is for a new pedigree breeding farm next to an existing working poultry unit. Four new sheds will be constructed next to where the existing sheds are located and the old sheds will be removed to modernise the site. A planning application for a new farm manager's house to replace existing housing on site will be submitted separately. The block plan, site plans and elevation drawings show the construction proposal of:

- Four poultry buildings holding a maximum of 6,500 birds each at peak capacity.
- Associated staff welfare and storage buildings.

The total number of birds on-site will be no more than 26,000 birds split between the four sheds. These poultry buildings will be state of the art, energy efficient poultry houses; designed for the purpose of maximising bird welfare and minimising the impact on the environment, whilst complying with all current building standards.

Pedigree chickens will be kept in the four new sheds. The birds are not reared directly for poultry meat but for selection as breeding stock. The farm will operate on a six month cycle, with up to 26,000 birds arriving over a six week period. Stock will be closely monitored and managed during their time on the farm, to prepare them for a future breeding phase. Stock will then be transferred to another farm at the end of this rearing phase. The farm will then go through an intensive cleaning and disinfection phase in preparation for the next flock of birds arriving.

The farm will employ 11 full-time staff, one part-time cleaner and a resident full-time farm manager. In addition to these jobs, downstream work will be created by using a local construction firm and associated suppliers within the agricultural sector.



Proposed poultry shed elevations

The planning process

A Proposal of Application Notice has been lodged with Perth and Kinross Council for a new poultry farm development. This can be viewed on the planning portal.



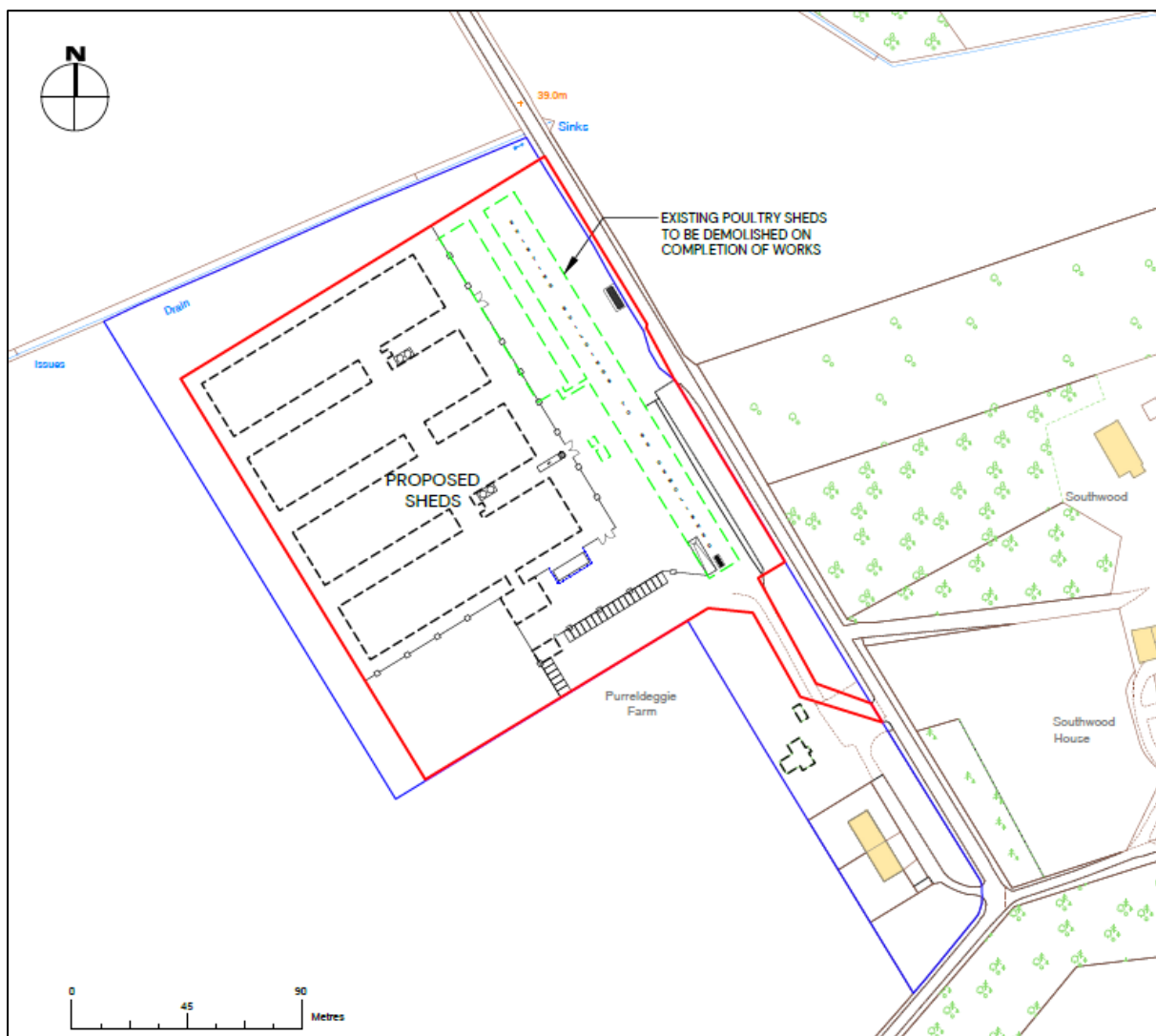
Aerial view of existing farm and development site

Aviagen have already undertaken pre-application consultation with the local planning authority. Pre-application feedback received from Perth and Kinross Council (planning reference 21/00429/PREAPP) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Opinion (planning reference: 21/02073/SCRN) are informing the supporting materials and assessments that are required for the planning application.

We are currently in the public consultation phase, prior to a planning application being submitted. The feedback received from this process will be addressed and shared with the planning authority and will feed into any subsequent planning application.

After this consultation period the site design and plans will be finalised, and along with the environmental assessments and other supporting material will be submitted to the planning authority for their determination. Once the planning application is submitted this is the opportunity for local residents and stakeholders to make representation directly to council.

The application will be reviewed by Perth and Kinross Council who will consider responses from statutory and non-statutory consultees and the public. If the planning authority and all statutory consultees are satisfied that they have received and reviewed all of the information, they will assess the proposal against local planning policy and decide whether consent should be granted for the development.



Proposed site plan

Environmental assessments

A previous EIA screening opinion indicated that an EIA was not required for this proposal as the site was below the thresholds required for EIA, both in terms of bird numbers and potential risks. The following environmental surveys and site assessments are being undertaken to assess the potential environmental effects from this development and propose management or mitigation where relevant. The use, function and environmental risks from new site will be comparable to the current farm.

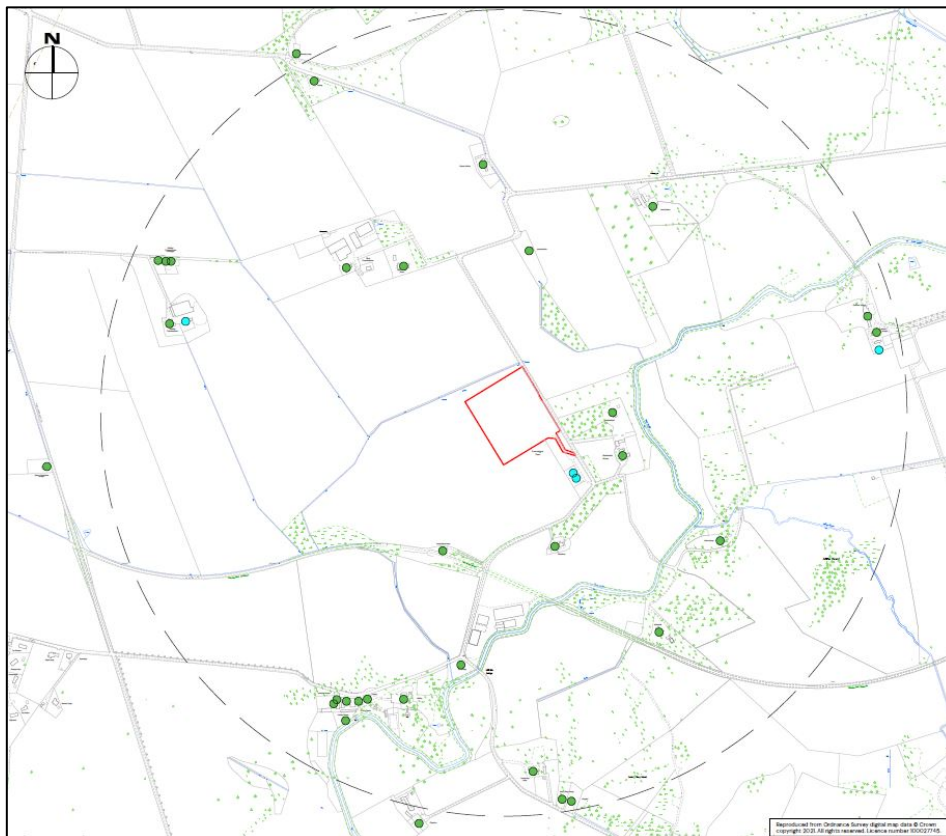
- Odour and particulates management plans. Dust emissions from the site will need to comply with relevant air quality regulations and odours should not cause significant pollution to nearby properties. Identification of potential sources and management will be undertaken to ensure the site will comply with all relevant standards.
- Noise impact assessment. Fans and machinery from the site can be a source of noise. A noise impact assessment to BS 4142:2014 requirements is being undertaken to ensure noise is managed and not a nuisance to nearby receptors.
- Supporting statement that will address factors including: transport and site access, jobs, drainage, site design, landscape and visual, justification for the proposal and other necessary planning considerations.
- Design drawings, topographical surveys, drone surveys and site visits by professionals are informing and guiding the site design.

The site will be operated to extremely high environmental, hygiene and biosecurity standards and significant impacts are unlikely to occur provided relevant standards such as the Prevention of Environmental Pollution from Agricultural Activity (PEPFAA) Code are adhered to.

Due to the small scale, therefore low pollution risk of this site, it will not require a Pollution Prevention and Control (PPC) permit to operate, as these regulations only apply to larger sites with over 40,000 birds.

Community Engagement

Aviagen are carrying out a minimum 12 week pre-planning application public consultation, which began on 21st February 2022. Residents and other stakeholders are encouraged to share their thoughts and comments on the proposal. Letters notifying nearby properties has been sent to those within approximately 1km of the site and relevant stakeholders and consultees are being informed.



Consultation area for nearby properties

A pre-application consultation report will be submitted alongside our planning application. This will demonstrate how the community has been consulted, the nature of the responses received and how the issues that have arisen from the consultation have been addressed. People are encouraged to make their views known directly by sending correspondence to the contact details below (by Friday 27th May 2022).

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Development Process Flowchart

Project Need and Initial Design

Aviagen determine the need for the project to meet consumer demand and strategic requirements. Consideration and determination of an appropriate location is undertaken and initial site design that will be refined during the development process.



Pre-application Enquiry and Screening

Enquiries made to council in pre-application enquiry and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) screening enquiry to determine level of detail needed to support planning application and any supporting information or surveys required.



Begin Baseline Surveys

Begin collecting site data including surveys to aid site design and environmental assessments, based on advice from pre-application feedback. Additional surveys undertaken as required as project develops and further information is received.



Public Consultation and Iterative Design

Proposal of Application Notice submitted and begin twelve week public consultation to gather local community and stakeholder views and comments on proposal. Ensure any concerns are being addressed through planning process and revise site design as required. Report sent to council summarising consultation.

Current phase



Planning Application

Application is submitted and reviewed by Perth and Kinross Council who will consider responses from statutory and non-statutory consultees and the public. If the planning authority and all statutory consultees are happy that they have received and reviewed all of the information, they will assess the proposal against local planning policy and decide whether consent should be granted for the development.



Construction Phase

If planning consent is granted, construction of the site will be completed in nine to twelve months using local contractor.