

# Site Visit Report

The site visit process is a sample on a particular day of an installation's compliance with some of its licence conditions. Where non-compliance against a particular condition has not been reported, this should not be construed to mean that there is full compliance with that condition of the licence.

Instructions and actions arising from the visit shall be addressed, or where applicable noted, by the licensee in order to ensure compliance, to improve the environmental performance of the installation and to provide clarification on certain issues.

The licensee shall take the actions specified to close out the non-compliances and observations raised in this Site Visit Report.

The licensee may also be requested to provide a response to the Environmental Protection Agency (hereafter referred to as the Agency) in relation to the site visit report findings.

Licensee	
<b>Name of Installation</b>	Mr Martin O'Donovan
<b>Licensee</b>	Mr Martin O'Donovan
<b>Licence Register No.</b>	P0621-02
<b>CRO Number</b>	
<b>Site Address</b>	Cooligboy, Timoleague, Bandon, Cork
<b>Site Visit Reference No.</b>	SV25536

Report Detail	
<b>Issue Date</b>	05/05/2022
<b>Prepared By</b>	Adrian Farrell

Site Visit Detail			
<b>Date Of Inspection</b>	05/04/2022		
<b>Time In</b>	11:55	<b>Time Out</b>	15:25
<b>EPA Inspector(s)</b>	Adrian Farrell Paul Buckley		
<b>Additional Visitors</b>			
<b>Licensee Personnel and Role</b>	Martin O'Donovan - Director of Carhue Piggeries, landowner and licensee Angela O'Donovan - Director of Carhue Piggeries Cathal O'Donovan - Site Manager		

## > Summary

The Agency undertook this site visit following confirmation in writing by the licensee, in a letter dated 9th February 2022, that he was the owner of unauthorised facilities and lands adjacent to the above-named licensed piggery installation. The site visit was undertaken to determine if the licensee had complied with a second EPA instruction, issued via a warning letter dated 27/01/2022, to cease and desist from operating outside the licensed site boundary. Furthermore an EPA site visit was undertaken on 15/02/2022 and the licensee was found to be continuing to operate and store pigs in houses that were outside the licensed site boundary and are not authorised by the EPA.

Following the site visit, the licensee was further instructed to confirm compliance with the Agency's instruction and notice to cease and desist from operating outside the licensed site boundary via Compliance Investigation ref. CI001994.

The EPA determined during this site visit that the licensee continues to operate outside of the licensed site boundary and a non-compliance was raised for this.

The licensee is required to submit a response to the non-compliance raised in this site visit report within 30 days of the date of issue of this report (using the "make a response" link on the site visits page in EDEN), as outlined in the follow-up actions section of this report.

## > Site Areas Inspected

No areas within the licensed facility were inspected.

## > Documents Inspected

No documentation was reviewed during this site visit.

## > 1. Site Specific Issues

	Answer	Condition Number	Non Compliance	Observation	
1.1	Operating outside of the licensed site boundary	Checked	1.4	Yes	No
<b>Comment / Action Required</b>					

During the site visit the licensee was found to be operating pig houses outside the licensed site boundary (Photos 1 to 3 refer). The EPA first noticed these pig houses in operation during a site visit on 09/06/2021 (Site visit ref; SV22457 refers). A follow-up site visit was undertaken on 05/11/2021 which found that all 4 pig houses were stocked with pigs. Following this site visit the EPA issued a warning letter on 27/01/2022 serving notice under Section 82(2) of the EPA Act 1992, as amended to cease and desist the unauthorised operations, for activities falling under Class 6.2 of the First Schedule, unless and until the licensee has been granted a licence which authorises the operation of these unauthorised facilities.

The licensee responded to this letter and indicated the following:

- The facilities are under the control of the licensee;
- The facilities are been used for the overflow for stock to facilitate upgrade works on some older houses within the licensed site boundary;
- A licence review application is being prepared to incorporate the new facilities, and,
- No commitment or indication by the licensee to cease using these facilities.

During the site visit the Inspectors undertook a pig count in the unauthorised facilities and calculated that the following number of pigs and pig types were found on site;

- 6560 production pigs;
- 256 farrowing sows, and
- 555 dry sows.

The facility therefore requires authorisation from the EPA.

This is non-compliant with condition 1.4 of the EPA licence.

The Agency has opened a Compliance Investigation (CI) requiring the licensee to cease operations outside the licensed site boundary (CI) ref; CI001994.

#### **Action required**

The licensee is required to cease and desist from operating outside the licensed site boundary forthwith, and revert via CI ref; CI001994 indicating that operations have ceased.



## Photographs



**Photo 1;** Photograph of pigs in facilities outside of licensed site boundary.



**Photo 2;** Photograph of pigs in facilities outside of licensed site boundary.



**Photo 3;** Photograph of pigs in facilities outside of licensed site boundary.

## FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS

The licensee is required to complete the actions outlined in this site visit report within the specified timeframes. Where required, the licensee shall also respond to actions specified in Compliance Investigations and/or submit a response to this site visit report via the EDEN system. The licensee shall maintain a documentary evidence, for review by the Agency, that the prescribed actions were completed within the required timeframe.

### (i) Compliance Investigations

The Agency may generate a Compliance Investigation through the EDEN system and issue instructions and actions to the licensee. The licensee will receive notification when an instruction or action is issued and the licensee must respond to the actions within the Compliance Investigation within the specified timeframe.

### (ii) Response to Site Visit Report

Where the licensee is requested to (or wishes to) respond to the Agency in relation to this site visit report, the licensee may select the 'Make a Response' link on the actions taken by the licensee to address the issues raised in this site visit report and the target completion dates. This Licensee Public Response provides the licensee with an opportunity to inform both the Agency and the public about the implementing of actions set out in the Agency site visit report. The response must be submitted **within 30 calendar days** of the issue date of this site visit report.

### (iii) Publication of Reports

The site visit report will be made available for public viewing via the Agency's Licence Enforcement Access Portal (LEAP), within one day of the issue date. The Site Visit Report and the Licensee Public Response will also be published on the Agency's website, [www.epa.ie](http://www.epa.ie), 60 calendar days after the site visit report issue date (on the Licence Details Page for the relevant licence).

**Please note that licensees are required to comply with the conditions of the licence at all times, and where non-compliance occurs, compliance must be restored within the shortest possible time. These actions will be verified during subsequent Agency visits. Please quote the above Inspection Reference Number in any correspondence in relation this Report.**