



Oaklands

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to address your question regarding flock size to support this planning application P/2055/0810.

The perfect new modern blue print is for 32000 birds. 16000 is the smallest viable option in our view for the dilution of fixed costs that cover staff packers and egg stamping equipment, along with other issues such as transport, which is a major cost. The old multi drop and collect process is no longer acceptable. You have to serve single units, and decrease collection and packaging costs; so the size of this unit does matter.

There is also the ever increasing necessity for bio security measures to be put in place to prevent the spread of bird flu. We can see the day very quickly when under 10000 bird units will no longer be viable.

We would recommend the absolute minimum of 16,000, 24,000 or preferably 32,000 birds. It is only due to the proximity of this site being ten miles from our packing station in Ruabon that we are able to consider taking the eggs from a small 16000 unit.

As previously outlined modern facilities are needed to meet the specifications required today and provide a sustainable egg supply to the customer.

We totally support this application and hopefully look forward to working with Julian and Emma in their new venture.

Regards,

Sue Mintz on behalf of
Elwyn Griffiths
Owner and Commercial Director

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