

The Director and/or Company Secretary
Hugh Lowe Farms Ltd
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Our ref: F4_001/JH/Hugh Lowe/Gen.Ws
Your ref:

Date: 6th April 2009

Dear Sir/Madam

**HUGH LOWE FARMS LTD, KENT
SECTION 34 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1990**

The Environment Agency have been investigating a report that significant quantities of windblown plastic debris have been escaping from fields owned or farmed by Hugh Lowe Farms Ltd. One of my officers inspected several of your fields, adjacent hedgerows and roads noting significant amounts of plastic in these areas. Whilst undertaking this inspection he also saw plastic being blown from the fields. Stockpiled growing/ weighted bags were also noted degrading in the field margins.

I would welcome a detailed plan as to how you propose to:

- minimise and collect the plastic fragments left within the fields.
- collect the waste plastic that has already been blown from the fields.

Under Section 34 (1) (b) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 it is the duty of any person who produces controlled waste to prevent the escape of waste from his control or that of any other person. Whilst I hope we can work together to resolve this issue you should be aware that if a satisfactory proposal is not submitted, or the proposal is not followed to our satisfaction, we would have to consider whether to take enforcement action against you for these offences.

Should you have any queries or wish to discuss this matter further please do not hesitate to contact Jamie Hamilton one of my Environment Officers at this address – direct dial 01732 703065

Yours Faithfully

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