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# **LPAI H7 in Chickens in the United Kingdom**

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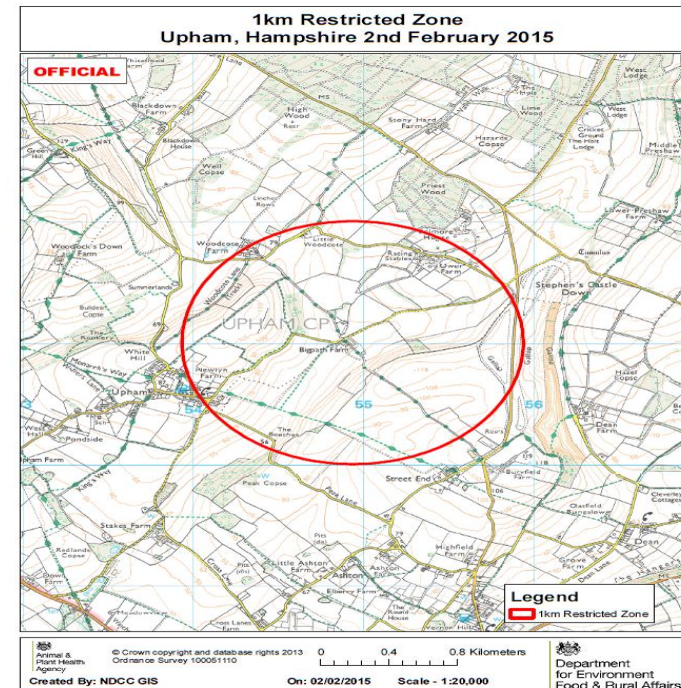
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# Outbreak History

- 28<sup>th</sup> January 2015: sample submitted for “testing to exclude”.
- 30<sup>th</sup> January 2015: positive serology for H7 and premises placed under restrictions pending further testing results.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015: 2 day virus isolation results confirmed presence of low pathogenic H7 avian influenza. UK CVO confirmed presence of LPAI H7.
- Disease control measures (2005/94/EEC) are in place.
- Initial results indicate this is of the H7N7 strain. Further testing is underway to confirm N-type.

# The Infected Premises

- Commercial indoor holding of 10,000 broiler breeder chickens in Hampshire (southern England).
- There are two groups of ~5,000 birds in two sides of the same building.



# Disease Control Measures

- 1km zone has been put in place in line with Directive 2005/94/EC.
- One other commercial premises only in the zone.
- Culling at the IP is underway



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# Epidemiological Investigations

- Investigations are underway to trace backward and forward.
- No recent international trade to or from the affected premises in live birds, hatching eggs or day old chicks.
- We are seeking expert advice from an ornithologists expert group on the wild bird risk.

Thank you!