



TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

NEIGHBOURING AUTHORITY CONSULTATION

Construction and operation of anaerobic digestion facility, ancillary infrastructure and construction of new access from Ashton Road at Land West Of Ashton Road Ashton Keynes Wiltshire SN6 6QT

APPLICATION REF: 23/01552/NEI
FILE REF:

DATE OF DECISION: 19th June 2023

DECISION NOTICE

In pursuance of their powers under the above Act, the Council has **objections** to the above development in accordance with the details given on the application form and submitted plans for the following reasons:

Cotswold District Council would wish to raise concerns regarding the large scale of the proposed facility, specifically with regard to the impact upon the local road network in view of the anticipated vehicle movements. Therefore, it is requested that consultation be carried out with Gloucestershire County Council Highways in order to establish that the proposed development will not have an adverse impact on the highway network within Cotswold District.

With regard to landscape impact, it is assumed that Wiltshire Council has undertaken its own professional landscape advice for the scheme.

It is noted that the site is not within a national qualitative landscape designation such as the Cotswold AONB. Wiltshire Council should confirm if any local designations exist. An LVIA has been submitted alongside the application that is considered to give a fair account of the likely landscape and visual significance during construction and yr1 and yr15 of its operational phase. It is recognised that there would be significant effects because of the proposal.

Overall, the LVIA concludes that significant effects would be localised (within 1km of the site). If implemented the proposed landscape strategy is considered to be appropriate in terms of mitigation and would develop over time which would reduce the identified significance.

In respect of ecology, the submitted Preliminary Ecological Appraisal has concluded further survey work is required, including bat surveys to establish whether a bat roost is present and to assess the direct and in-direct impacts on the Cotswold Water Park SSSI, located 58 m south of the site. It is not clear whether an EcIA report has been submitted. These issues will need to be addressed prior to any positive determination of the application.

With regard to the impact upon noise and air quality, it is requested that in the event of planning permission being granted, conditions are imposed requiring the submission of an Odour Management Plan and a Dust Management Plan for approval prior to the first use of the development. It is noted that South Cerney lies to the north-east of the application site, and control over odours will be particularly important in view of south-westerly prevailing winds.

Noise levels of the plant when installed should be the same or lower than that predicted in the accompanying Acoustic Report.

It is also requested also that any surface water from the site is intercepted such that there is no pollution to any local watercourses as a result of the development, considering the proximity of the site to the Cotswold Water Park SSSI.

You should be aware that this is an opinion of the Officer of the Authority as this matter has not been referred to any Council Committee given the short consultation period.

Your attention is drawn to the NOTES overleaf.

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