

# Comments for Planning Application 25/03375/NEI

## Application Summary

Application Number: 25/03375/NEI

Address: Outside Cotswold District Gloucestershire

Proposal: Construction and operation of anaerobic digestion facility, ancillary infrastructure and construction of new access from Ashton Road, Ashton Keynes, Wilts, SN6 6QT

Case Officer: Mark Fisher

## Customer Details

Name: Somerford Keynes Parish Council

Address: Willow Cottage Water Lane Somerford Keynes GL7 6DS

## Comment Details

Commenter Type: Objection Comments

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Design
- Highway access and parking
- Impact on Conservation Area
- Other

Comment: Construction and operation of anaerobic digestion facility, ancillary infrastructure, and construction of new access from Ashton Road. 25/03375/NEI

We write as a neighbouring Parish Council to again object strongly to the above planning application on the grounds listed below. We do not feel that the amendments they have made make any difference to the overall intrusion on our communities.

1. The proposed site is a greenfield site surrounded by rural communities and nature-based tourist areas. Having a large industrial construction in a rural landscape with a gas flare, external lighting and 24-hour operation will have a significant adverse impact on the ecology of the site and its surroundings. Alternative sites on brownfield or industrial land should be considered first.

2. The increase in heavy traffic during building works and thereafter on a regular daily basis would be unsustainable and undesirable in such a location and a huge safety hazard. The country roads are not wide or suited to heavy traffic. The proposed 88 additional movements of tractors with trailers/HGVs per day will obstruct the flow of traffic and could lead to accidents on an already busy road network. This could cause deadlocks and stop-start traffic movements, particularly in the summer months as this is a popular tourist area.

3. The air pollution created by diesel from excessive traffic movements would be

unacceptable. The light pollution, noise and increase in traffic will disturb the tranquillity of the site and the surrounding area. In addition, there are schools and a playgroup close by.

4. Although this is regulated, there is the potential danger of leakage. Although the proposers state it will be unlikely, accidents do happen and any discharge will be extremely damaging to wildlife, the ecology of the area and residents. Any gaseous leakage would be harmful and odorous. Accidents related to the road transportation of dangerous, compressed gases from the facility is also a concern.

5. The site is close to the Ashton Keynes Conservation Area, and close on three sides to the extensive area of the Cotswold Water Park Site of Special Scientific Interest. It is also next to the Cotswold Country Park, and Beach and Lake 32 Outdoor Centre, two key water park recreational facilities where locals and holiday makers enjoy walking and swimming.

In conclusion, we appeal to the Planning Authority not to allow this development. This is not a suitable site and it would be better sited in an industrial/commercial area away from communities, schools, tourist areas and Sites of Special Scientific Interest.

For the above reasons, we unanimously object to the application.

Yours faithfully,  
Somerford Keynes Parish Council