

Consultee 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

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Comments

My comments are in relation to land contamination.

I note that there has been no additional information on land contamination submitted to Wiltshire Council to support this application since my departments previous comments in 2024. These were concerned with the absence of certain land quality data and I reproduce the comment below, for clarity. The information does not appear to have been provided and thus the previous comments, as below, are still valid:

The application is accompanied by a number of technical documents assessing the potential for land contamination and describing ground investigation. These note the presence of a disused landfill site to the east and thus it is prudent to assess the risk to the proposed development from potential migration and accumulation of ground gases. This is acknowledged in the technical information and the ground gas assessment and monitoring has indicated a very low risk.

However, this conclusion has been based on just one round of data collection (SLR Ground Investigation Report Section 6 May 2023). This approach is not best practice, which is to assess the ground gas regime at least after multiple data collection visits over a period of weeks and months that allow for variations in atmospheric, groundwater and weather conditions.

The Environmental Statement refers to further data being collected. I recommend that further assessment is made and provided of potential impact on the proposed development from ground gas before a decision of the application is reached.

David Rudland

Senior Officer - Contaminated Land

