

LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION ON THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

District: Lincolnshire County Council

Application number: PL/0052/24

Application Type: Full

Proposal: For construction of a covered digestate lagoon associated with the existing Nocton Anaerobic Digestion Facility

Location: Nocton Anaerobic Digestion Facility, Land Off Nocton Fen Lane, Nocton

Response Date: 31 July 2024

This report includes the Substantive response of the Local Highway and Lead Local Flood Authority to a planning consultation received under the Development Management Order and includes details of any planning conditions or informatives that should be attached in the event that permission is granted and any obligations to be secured by way of a S106 agreement.

General Information and Advice

Please note that although the Definitive Map and Statement proves the existence of any recorded rights of way, there may be further or higher rights that are not shown on this document that the County Council is not currently aware of. This would be especially relevant where the public has had informal access to the site or where there are references to routes across this in maps or other historic documents. As the County Council has received no application to recognise further rights of way affecting the site, no more informed guidance can be offered at this stage.

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Highway and Lead Local Flood Authority Report

Substantive Response provided in accordance with article 22(5) of The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015:

Recommendation:

No Objections

Having given due regard to the appropriate local and national planning policy guidance (in particular the National Planning Policy Framework), Lincolnshire County Council (as Highway Authority and Lead Local Flood Authority) has concluded that the proposed development would not be expected to have an unacceptable impact upon highway safety or a severe residual cumulative impact upon the local highway network or increase surface water flood risk and therefore does not wish to object to this planning application.

Comments:

The proposal will provide additional storage capacity and will enable nutrient rich digestate to be used at the appropriate time of the year to fertilise and irrigate the surrounding agricultural land. In order to achieve this, two digestate storage lagoons and one clean / surface water run off lagoon is required alongside the AD facility to manage the drainage requirements.

The existing AD facility is situated in the corner of an arable field at land off Nocton Fen Lane, Nocton. The proposed digestate lagoon will be located to the south east of the existing Anaerobic Digestion Plant as shown edged in red on drawing no. GPP-BWD-N-ADNL-24-01 titled Site Location Plan. Other land within the Applicant's control is shown edged in blue on the same plan. The Application Site is approximately 2.0 hectares (ha) in size.

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