

MEETING NOTES

1. Comments:

- No comments posted against previous planning applications will be considered.
This is correct. Comments must be made on the new application for them to be considered.
- The retrospective build must be classed as industrial: it must be consulted as an industrial development and on the criteria that are in place for an industrial development.
- The previous build was at a different address.
It was also noted that the address of the AD site is stated as being Diss.
- The application is classed as "retrospective" because it is for something that has been built already.
- Decommissioning plan must be submitted and agreed as part of the planning process.
Normal good practice would be a financial commitment made by the owner, such as a debenture or charges.
- The application includes a weighbridge.
From experience in Fersfield, it can be expected to cause additional traffic over and above what is essential for the AD Plant.

2. Questions for SNDC

- Are there national planning policy guidelines that SNDC planning department must adhere to?
(1) What is the assessment process to determine whether environmental impact is acceptable?
(2) Lagoons - what criteria are used to determine what is an acceptable distance from housing?
- Does the odour plan cover the spreading of digestate onto fields?
- What is the situation regarding a track from Shelfanger Hall to the AD plant to transport duck slurry?
- Is there any connection between the flooding at the Hall (on Low Road Bressingham?) and existing build?

- Growing of maize absorbs less water than other crops - could that have contributed to the extent of the flooding in December 2020?
- A flooding report has not been submitted. Will that be required before the application is considered?

3. Questions to be sent from Parish Council to Storengy

1. How much public money is Deal Farm Biogas receiving?
2. The application states that a traffic assessment has been carried out covering 5 years.
 - Who performed the assessment?
 - Are they accredited?
 - How was the assessment done?
 - How has it been validated?
3. When will the flooding report be submitted?
4. How many tonnes of propane will be burned per year to keep the digesters warm?
5. How many tonnes of propane will be injected into the methane per year to increase its calorific value?
6. Where is the third digestate draw-off point noted in the Design statement?
Why is it not shown on the plans?
7. Plans show that piping of digestate to lagoons is going along ditches and above ground. How do you assure that there is no leakage?
8. What is the construction of the lagoons?
What are their dimensions: maximum depth, length and width?
9. How do you ensure that lagoons will not smell?
10. What is your plan for preventative maintenance?
11. How do you ensure the site is kept secure?
12. Why have you made no effort to engage with local residents?

4. Other concerns for investigation.

How much methane will be burned off to the atmosphere / how often will the flare be burned?

Ecology Plan paragraph 4.6 states that there is no SSSI within 4 miles of deal farm. This is incorrect. There is an ecologically valuable site - a natural meadow - within 4 km of deal farm.

Pumping to lagoons is going along ditches and above ground.
Leakage would flood Common Road / Lodge lane.

No biogas unit should be less than 200m from residential properties.

Lagoons are too near residential properties.
(Obtain statements from residents near other lagoons about smells and other issues).

Impact on dark skies.
Police have recommended that structures should be lit all the time.
Lighting design: no warning lights on the design.