

Representations from Mr Richard Morris

I understand that on Thursday 7th August, Leicestershire County Council will decide whether to allow the construction of an Anaerobic Digester on the site of the former Marigold Nurseries Mushroom Farm off the Welham Lane at Great Bowden.

As I currently run and own the Free Range egg Production unit further down the lane, it would not be wrong to assume that I would be a major source of feedstock for the AD Plant. However this is not the case as Poultry Manure is not good for AD and straw provides little energy either, I can provide details of people who can advice LCC further on this if you wish?

In my opinion, the proposal should be rejected.

AD is not currently in favour with DEFRA as it isn't very Carbon Neutral and takes land out of food production. Furthermore there is a large AD plant nearby at Rothwell and 1 in construction at Kelmarsh.

The real concern should be the sheer scale of the project to make it economic as there is currently no plan to make the essential highway improvements needed, as I expect a lot more Heavy goods movements than are being suggested.

I hope this email is of use to LCC in their decision making, please come back to me if you would like further input.

Yours Sincerely

RICHARD MORRIS

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