

Burton Agnes Parish Council

Anaerobic digester

Dear Resident

I am writing to let you know that Simon Cunliffe-Lister will be coming to the next meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 13 July to describe his plans to build an anaerobic digester in Burton Agnes Field to the North West of Stonepit Wood off the road connecting Rudston Road to Woldgate. You may already have received notification of the planning application from East Riding of Yorkshire Council informing you of your right to make any views you have on the proposal known to the Planning Office at County Hall, Beverley HU17 9BA, quoting the application reference 15/01648/STPLF.

An anaerobic digester is a large installation (in this case nearly 1 kilometer in length and covering over 4 hectares of land currently used for food production) which will receive and process annually an estimated:

9000 tonnes pig slurry,
3500 tonnes pig manure
2500 tonnes chicken manure
31000 tonnes maize silage
10000 tonnes hybrid rye silage

to produce electricity and gas.

The application documents state that 30 square metres of at least one of the manure receptacles will be permanently open to the air. The documents state that 46000 tonnes of liquid waste and 8000 tonnes of solid waste from the digester after processing will be spread mainly on neighbouring farms and agricultural land surrounding the site.

Perhaps unsurprisingly it is clear from the application documentation that a fair part of the village including the Sports Club, children's play park, school playing field and the school fall within the odour and/or gas (primarily nitrogen dioxide and sulphur dioxide) emission footprints of the site, although the consultants

employed by the applicant state their opinion that the impact will be negligible based on their computer-generated models. The consultants have also stated that in their opinion the odour does not fall into the category which residents are likely to find most offensive (eg septic effluent or sludge) and have stated that any odour is 'likely to be similar to composting'.

Clearly this is a development which, if it is given planning permission, affects all of us. I would therefore like to invite you to come along to the meeting at 7.00 in Burton Agnes School to hear the details of what is being proposed and to raise any concerns you may have.

If you have any questions or concerns which you would prefer not to ask in person, please do not hesitate to let me, or Jo Benson our Parish Clerk, know in advance and we will ensure that they are raised at the meeting.

If anyone would like to have a look at the hard copy of the application please give me a ring on the number below.

It would be helpful if you could let me or Jo know if you intend to come on 13th so that we can ensure we have enough seats available.

Regards

Sue Burt
Chair
Burton Agnes Parish Council

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