

## 24/01847/MFUL

**Proposal:** Continued operation of existing anaerobic digester plant without previous limitations on power output, feedstocks and tonnages  
**Location:** Land at NGR 299621 112764 (Red Linhay) Crown Hill Halberton Devon

Willand Parish Council objects to this application as although it is not situated in the Parish the operation of the site does affect the residents of Willand as traffic going to and from the site providing feedstock and removing digestate passes through the village. It also affects our residents using roads in the area when going to and from other locations with particular noticeable affects going through Halberton. It also affects some of their leisure activities, particularly when using the relevant section of the Grand Western Canal and the surrounding country lanes.

Willand Parish Council made a very detailed and comprehensive response in respect of application 23/01798/FULL which was an attempt to remove the conditions which regulated the output, feedstocks and tonnages and this was refused. The bulk of that objection still stands. Nothing can be seen in this current application to change the arguments against that application or the refusal decision made and the reasons given. This application asks that the operation is allowed to continue in breach of conditions which have been in place and have been tested a number of times and not been changed.

Paragraph 3.13 of the Design and Access Statement is as follows:-

**“We look forward to cooperating with the local planning authority on a range of planning controls that are as necessary, relevant, enforceable, precise and reasonable as they are flexible.”**

There is a long history of this site and operation breaching a number of the conditions and there is evidence to show that there have been continuous breaches of conditions, questionable information and records and disclosures. History clearly shows that Paragraph 3.13 is meaningless. The inability or unwillingness of Mid Devon District Council to proactively investigate and enforce against continued and blatant breaches compounds the problems allowing the applicant to use the system to circumvent the valid permission and conditions.

Willand Parish Council recommend refusal on the following grounds:

- a) There will be an increase in vehicle movements, including longer journeys without control, adding to those already taking place in breach of conditions;
- b) There will be the potential for increase in noise, dust and other pollution in the immediate and surrounding areas;
- c) More land will be needed for the production of feedstocks to the detriment of human and animal food production;
- d) Increased harm to the Grand Western Canal and residents in the immediate area.
- e) The operation of the site will be uncontrollable.