

Planning application comment was submitted on the **04 October 2023 20:54 PM**

The following is a comment on application **P222728/N** by **Tipper Lewis**

Nature of feedback: Objecting to the application

Comment: I strongly object to this development for the following reasons:

█ on Whitwick Manor, all farm drinking water for the tenants and four adjoining properties on the main road is sourced from an underground lake, via a borehole - the lake didn't show up on the survey which was conducted by Mr Layton - shouldn't this be further investigated by an impartial party? With the spreading of digestate over the fields in the vast quantities we have witnessed so far I would imagine this to be a potential cause of waterway pollution. The farm was rich in wildlife - sky larks, hares, kingfishers, owls, deer, █ merlin - how will they be affected by the land being continuously contaminated by waste being spread over the fields, light from the gas flame and constant noise.

2/ The spreading of digestate over the land is already substantial, causing intense foul odour and pollution of the air. The delivery of this material in lorries has already caused the road through Ocle Pochard to be closed for a day.

3/ Calling this green energy is a farce when approx 600 acres of prime agricultural land is being used to grow rye grass and other non-food crops to feed to a biodigester. With considerably more material being transported from all over Herefordshire and other counties.

4/ The expected deliveries of waste material will arrive at the biodigester in lorries, every 4-5 minutes, from 7am until 10pm. Causing noise pollution, air pollution, traffic congestion and dangerous turning on the brow of a hill on a major road.

5/ This project isn't just a biodigester, he's developing a huge area of agricultural land into grain stores and solar panels, basically an industrial unit and waste disposal site.

6/ Current concerns with safety following the possible lightening strike at the biodigester site in Oxford. There are 7 properties in close proximity in Ocle Pochard, 4 in Much Cowarne and 5 tenants on Whitwick Manor itself.

Attachment:

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Infrastructure from section 106 to consider: Whitwick Manor has a potential access point from the A4103 which would alleviate congestion and dangerous turning at the current proposed access point

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